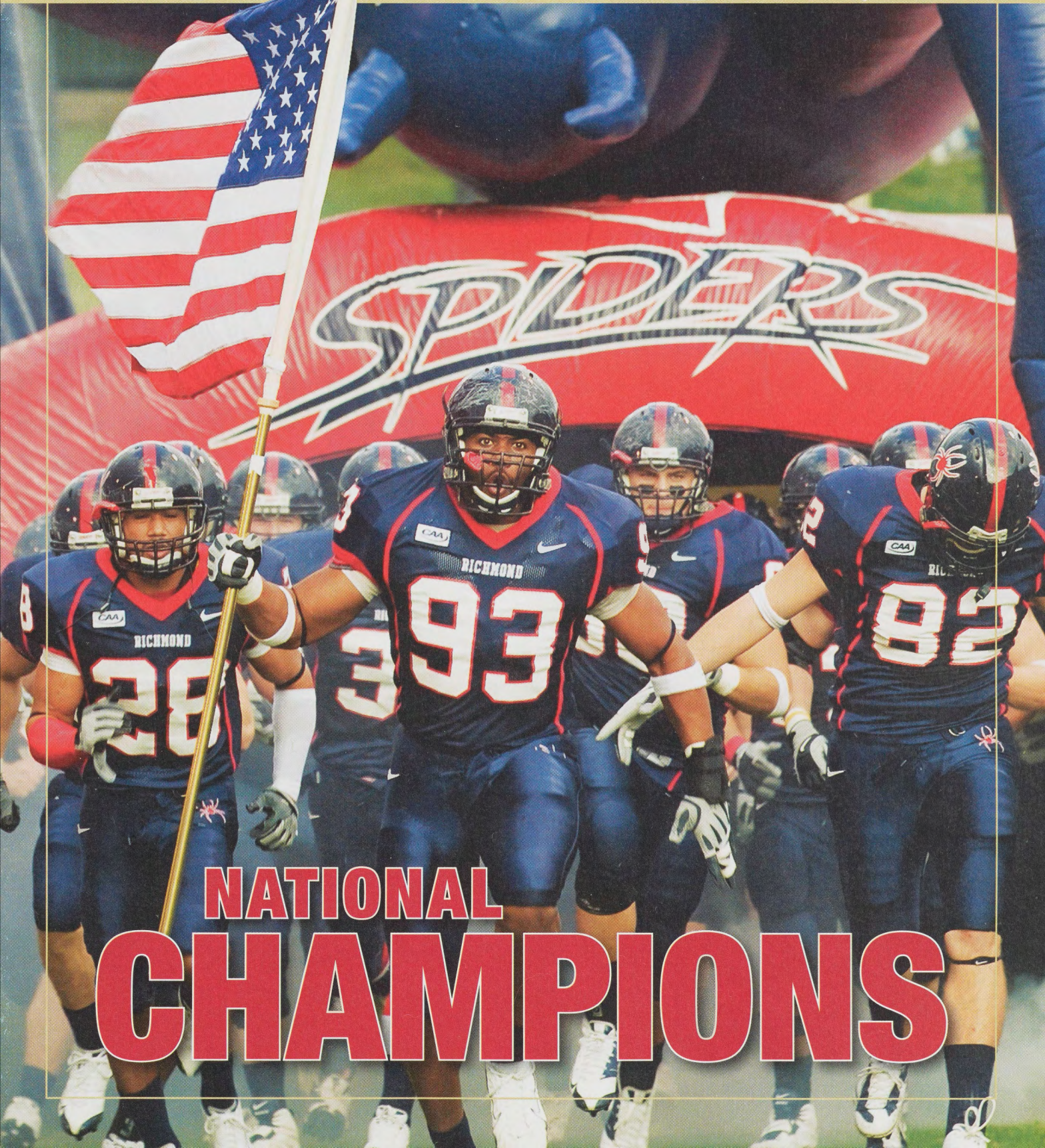


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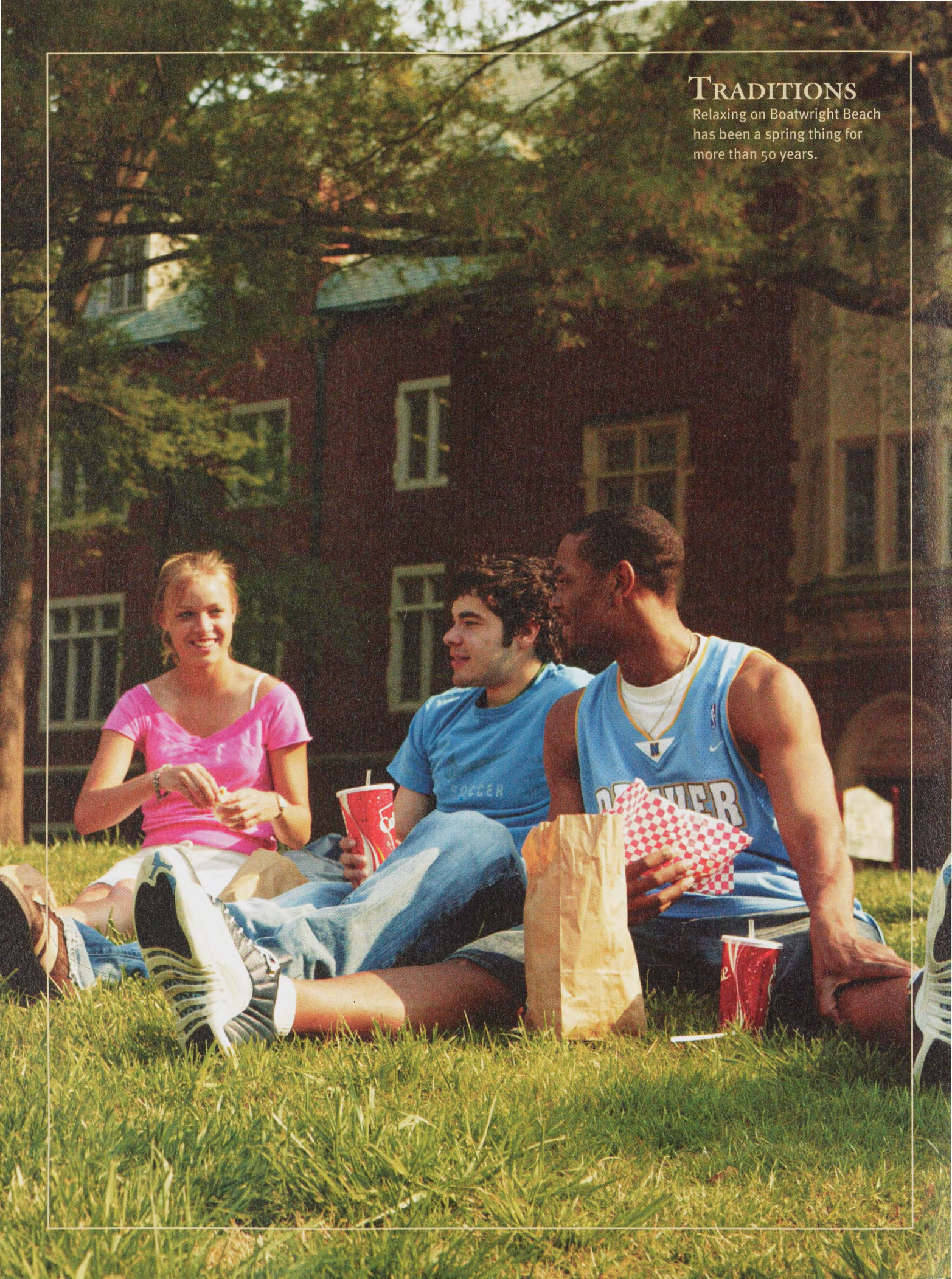
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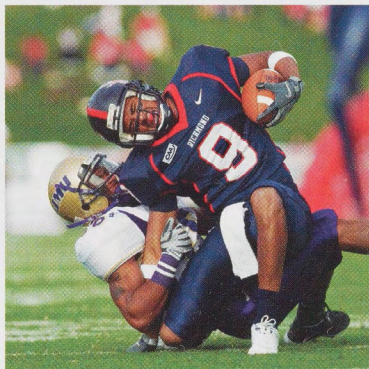
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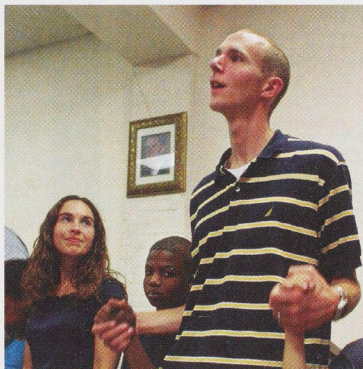
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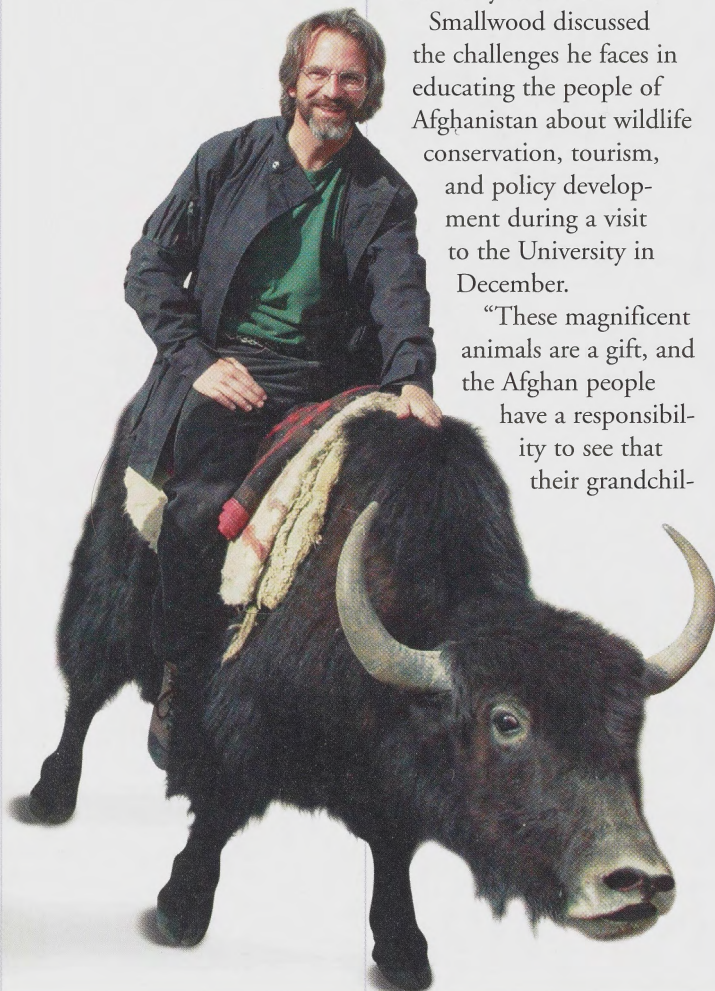
Dr. Peter Smallwood's classroom is not confined by walls—or travel warnings from the U.S. Department of State.

The associate professor of biology is serving an 18-month appointment as director of the Afghanistan program for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). He will complete the assignment in June and return to teach at the University in the fall.

Smallwood discussed the challenges he faces in educating the people of Afghanistan about wildlife conservation, tourism, and policy development during a visit to the University in December.

"These magnificent animals are a gift, and the Afghan people have a responsibility to see that their grandchild-

Dr. Peter Smallwood rides yakback in Afghanistan.



Chef Glen Pruden displays his "royal icing" creation.

dren and great-grandchildren have an opportunity to see them," he says.

His team's projects include teaching residents about conserving the native Snow and Persian leopards and brown bears in the Wakhan region, as well as training 30 Afghans to be park rangers. Smallwood also is helping the WCS develop a national park in the Band-i-Amir region of Afghanistan. In addition, he is helping the Afghan government establish conservation laws and policy.

When Smallwood returns home, he hopes to incorporate his experiences into new courses at the University.

This is Smallwood's second assignment in Afghanistan. In 2006, he served as WCS's interim country director. He previously spent a year in Iraq helping scientists there find meaningful work after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

CAMPUS

Pruden puts the icing on the NCAA cake

After the football team won the NCAA Division I national championship in December, Executive Chef Glen Pruden wanted to make something special to honor the team.

So he mixed some powdered sugar with egg whites, lemon juice, and food coloring to create a confectionary display for the team's celebration on Jan. 21 in the Heilman Dining Center.

It took Pruden 35 hours to apply the "royal icing" to both sides of a plywood board. The finished product, sporting Spider logos and a football, proudly proclaims, "NCAA Division I National Champions." The flip side features the team's complete 2008 schedule and game scores depicted in frosting.

AWARDS

Holton's book wins people's choice award

Dr. Woody Holton claimed the Virginia People's Choice literary award in the nonfiction category for his book *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution*.

Holton, associate professor of history, was honored on Oct. 18 at the Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration with a \$3,500 cash prize. The award was given by the Library of Virginia and James River Writers, a nonprofit organization based in Richmond.

A panel of independent Virginia booksellers and librarians selected Holton's book from those nominated for the library's annual literary awards. The reading public determined the winner by voting online and in public libraries.

Last year, *Unruly Americans* was a finalist for the National Book Award and the George Washington Book Prize.

EVENTS

America on the brink

It was 1859 and the first shots of the Civil War would not be fired for two years. However, John Brown's raid on the armory at Harper's Ferry and the rancorous presidential campaign were foreshadowing the bitterness that was about to explode.

President Edward Ayers has assembled a group of leading Civil War historians to explore the state of the nation two years before the beginning of America's deadliest conflict. Ayers, a historian of the American South, will moderate the day-long conference on April 29.

Free and open to the public, "America on the Eve of the Civil War" is the first in a series of conferences sponsored by the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission. The program will focus on four topics from the year 1859: "Taking Stock of the Nation," "The Future of Virginia and the South," "Making Sense of John Brown's Raid," and "Predictions for the Election of 1860."

To register for the conference, visit virginiacivilwar.org or call (804) 786-3591.

BOOKS

Ciulla edits *Leadership at the Crossroads* set

Dr. Joanne Ciulla has edited *Leadership at the Crossroads*, a three-volume work published by Praeger Perspectives. She is professor of leadership studies and Coston Family Chair in Leadership and Ethics in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

Ciulla and other scholars explore leadership in a variety of fields, including art, music, management,



UR hits top value lists

Two financial magazines and *USA Today* have cited the University as a top value in the nation for educational quality and commitment to affordability.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance, *SmartMoney* and *USA Today* (in partnership with The Princeton Review) have placed Richmond on lists helping students and parents choose colleges during difficult economic times.

"Of all the positive attention the University of Richmond receives, recognition of our affordability is especially welcome," President Edward Ayers says. "We are eager for students and their families to discover what a great value we offer, particularly considering our small class size, close interaction with faculty, and personal attention to students."

SmartMoney's list of "colleges that pay off" quantified the long-term value of a college education, relating costs to graduates' earning power. Richmond ranked No. 22 overall and No. 2 among "top liberal arts schools."

The *USA Today*-Princeton Review article included Richmond on its list of 100 "best value" colleges based on academics, costs, and financial aid. It also used surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 public and private colleges about professors' accessibility, class sizes, student-faculty ratios, and percent of classes taught by teaching assistants.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance ranked the University No. 17 on its list of top 50 private universities "that deliver an affordable, high-quality education." Factors included admission rate, student/faculty ratio, graduation rate, standardized test scores of first-year students, costs of attendance after financial aid, and average debt at graduation.

Richmond remains among a small number of colleges and universities adhering to a need-blind admission policy while also meeting 100 percent of each admitted U.S. student's demonstrated financial need.

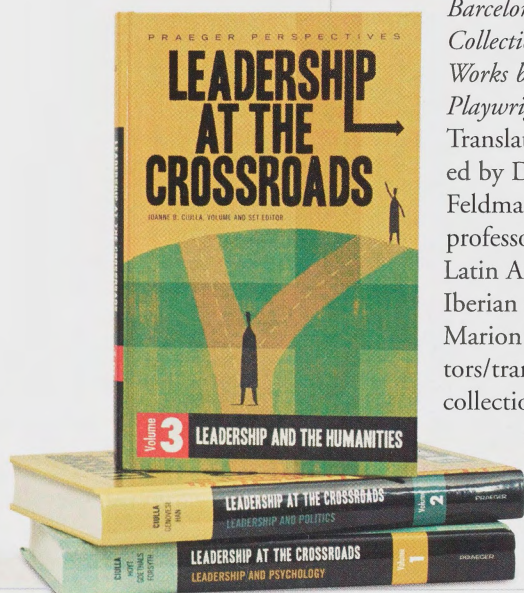
—Brian Eckert

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economics, political science, philosophy, sociology, history, literature, and psychology. Volume one looks at leadership and psychology. Volume two examines leadership and politics, and volume three considers leadership and the humanities.

In addition to Ciulla, three Richmond faculty members helped edit the books, including Dr. John "Don" Forsyth, professor of leadership studies, Dr. George Goethals, professor of leadership studies, and Dr. Crystal Hoyt, assistant professor of leadership studies. Other UR contributors are: Dr. Scott Allison, professor of psychology; Dr. Jennifer Cable, associate professor of music; Dr. Aurora Hermida-Ruiz, associate professor of Spanish, Latin American, and Iberian studies; and Dr. Charles Johnson, professor of art history emeritus.

Eight faculty members contributed to the three-volume set.



More faculty books

Barcelona Plays: A Collection of New Works by Catalan Playwrights.

Translated and edited by Dr. Sharon Feldman, associate professor of Spanish, Latin American, and Iberian studies, and Marion Holt (editors/translators). The collection contains

four plays that offer distinct



Behrend, '10, was interviewed on a Basque radio station on Election Day.

views of contemporary Barcelona.

Called to Account: Fourteen Financial Frauds That Shaped the American Accounting Profession. Dr. Paul Clikeman, associate professor of accounting. Chapters describe the tricks fraudsters such as "Crazy Eddie" Antar and "Chainsaw Al" Dunlap used to fool their auditors, including how Enron inflated its profits by selling and repurchasing money-losing assets.

Consuming Traditions: Modernity, Modernism, and the Commodified Authentic. Elizabeth Outka, associate professor of English. Outka analyzes consumer culture and the marketing of authenticity in Britain during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Glückstalers in New Russia, the Soviet Union, and North America. Dr. Homer Rudolf, professor of music emeritus (editor). The book

reveals the history, music, and culture of German-Russian people who immigrated to the American plains in the late 19th century.

Going Down Hill: Legacies of the American Revolutionary War. Dr. Harry Ward, professor of history emeritus. Ward cuts through patriotic distractions and distortions to examine the long-term consequences of the War for Independence.

Leadership Ethics: An Introduction. Dr. Terry Price, associate professor of leadership studies. Price draws on moral theory and empirical research in psychology to evaluate the reasons leaders give to justify breaking the rules.

Reappraisals after Two Centuries. Dr. Terryl Givens, professor of religion and literature, and Dr. Reid Neilson (editors). Essays by Mormons and non-Mormons discuss Mormon founder Joseph Smith Jr.

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STUDENTS

Behrend's blog features Spain, Northern Ireland

Kelly Behrend is spending her junior year studying in Europe, but her friends and family can follow her adventures on her weekly travel blog. Behrend created the blog last fall and has filled it with photos, videos, and journals from Northern Ireland and the Basque country of Spain.

Behrend developed her own major—peace and conflict studies—with the idea of traveling in countries that have histories of conflict. She spent the fall semester in the Basque country, home to the Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA), a Basque separatist group. This spring she is studying in Derry, Northern Ireland, where she is learning about the Irish conflict and the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

“Being abroad has really

complemented my academic experience,” Behrend says. “These experiences have enhanced my education by taking me out of the classroom and into the field.”

In addition to informing friends and family about her travels, Kelly's blog helps her reflect on her adventures. “I see myself potentially working abroad in the future and look forward to keeping ... track of my travels and seeing how I grow from these experiences,” she adds.

To view Behrend's blog, visit web.mac.com/kellybehrend.

DONORS

Development publication omitted two UR families

The annual *Society of Families Honor Roll of Donors*, mailed to parents last fall, inadvertently omitted two families from its listings.

Zoe and Richard Rueda,



Behrend is studying in Northern Ireland this semester.



Protecting campus whistleblowers

Porcher L. Taylor III exercised the power of the pen with a magazine article that argued for whistleblower protection on college campuses when crimes are committed.

That article led Taylor, an associate professor in UR's School of Continuing Studies, to draft language for a campus whistleblower bill that former President George Bush signed into law on Aug. 8, 2008.

Taylor, who is also a licensed attorney, made his case in the September/October 2007 issue of *Campus Safety Magazine* in an article about a situation at Eastern Michigan University where officials withheld information for months about the 2006 rape and murder of a student. Beth Anne Simonds, a captain on the UR Police Department, co-authored the article.

Taylor then sent the article to Security on Campus, a grassroots organization that advocates nationally for campus safety. The organization asked Taylor to draft proposed campus whistleblower legislation. It reworked Taylor's draft, and shared it with members of Congress, who introduced it as an addition to the Jeanne Clery Act. Clery was a Lehigh University student who was murdered in 1986.

Taylor is passionate about the cause and says that in light of the shootings at Virginia Tech the timing was right for this legislation.

He points out that he had written previous articles about the Sarbanes-Oxley Act that created corporate reform in the post-Enron Corp. scandal. The act included corporate whistleblower protections, and it made him think the same thing should exist on college campuses.

In the *Campus Safety Magazine* article, he and Simonds wrote: “All campus safety leaders and managers must acknowledge that every campus should be hospitable to good-faith whistleblowers 24/7.”

—Andy Taylor



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L'65, parents of a sophomore student, should have been listed among the Founders, supporters who contribute at the \$25,000–\$49,999 level. Also, Jeanne and Robert Latimer, parents of a recent graduate, should have been listed in the Gothic Circle, supporters who contribute at the \$10,000–\$24,999 level.

"We apologize for these omissions," says Tom Gutenberger, B'87, the University's vice president for advancement. "It is very important to us that we recognize all of our loyal donors, and the Rueda family and the Latimer family have been steadfast in their support of Richmond."

CULTURE

Lora Robins Gallery features Lenox China

The Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature is showcasing "Faces & Flowers: Painting on Lenox China" through June 28. The exhibit features more than 70 objects made by Ceramic Art Co., which became Lenox China in 1906. Assembled from public and private collections, it included plates, vases, and decorative wares with exquisite paintings. American Walter Scott Lenox started Ceramic Art in 1889 in Trenton, N.J. The exhibition highlights works by the company's

"Innocence" is part of the "Faces & Flowers" exhibit.



The African Children's Choir will perform on March 23.

leading china painters on pieces produced for some of America's foremost citizens, including Newark industrialist Franklin Murphy, governor of New Jersey from 1902–05.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. To learn more about the exhibit and other museum programs, visit museums.richmond.edu or call (804) 289-8276.

African children bring hope and joy to Camp

The sounds of hope and joy will ring out at Camp Concert Hall on March 23 when the African Children's Choir performs.

The choir is made up of some of the neediest and most vulnerable children from across the African continent. Before being selected to join the choir, children ages 7 to 11 attend music camps. Their music is a blend of African song

and dance in more than 10 languages.

Other spring Modlin Center events include the Broadway classic *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, which will be staged by the University Players. The play's six performances will run April 11–18 in Alice Jepson Theatre.

Then, on April 20, The Infamous Stringdusters will perform in Camp Concert Hall. The group has been winning critical acclaim for its traditional bluegrass and newgrass alike.

For more information about Modlin Center events, visit modlin.richmond.edu.

STAFF

'Lost boy' finds home on UR facilities team

Garang Yai arrives on campus at 7 a.m. to begin his day overseeing the facilities team for several residence

halls. When his shift ends at 3 p.m., he starts his second job, studying for an associate's degree in accounting at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

Yai's present educational environment is a far cry from his childhood schooling. He was born in Sudan at the beginning of a civil war. When he was 7 years old, he had to leave his home and family to escape militia attacks. He joined thousands of exiled children now known as the "lost boys" of Sudan, who spent years traveling from one refugee camp to another.

In 1998, representatives of the United Nations and U.S. churches visited the camp, and during the next few years, many of the boys escaped to the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Yai arrived in Richmond with his half-brother Magiir and their cousin, Dut, in January 2001. They were met by members of the Sauer family who had volunteered to mentor them.

"Those first few days it was literally showing them how light switches work and what food goes in the refrigerator," says Jenni Sauer, UR's associate vice president and controller. She helped all three young men find jobs on campus.

Now Yai and other Sudanese refugees have formed Ayat, a foundation to raise money for the con-

struction of a high school in their home region of Sudan.

UR hires Solomon to lead development

The University has hired Julie Solomon as assistant vice president for development. She brings 15 years of experience in higher education advancement work to her new position.

Solomon is a graduate of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where she started her career as assistant director of alumni affairs. She rose to associate director of the annual fund before joining Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., where she was a major gifts officer, campaign director, and director of The Union Fund.

Alumni magazine wins regional CASE award

Richmond Alumni Magazine has won an award of excellence for overall quality from CASE District III, the Southeast region of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The magazine is produced primarily by Editor Karl Rhodes, Art Director Samantha Tannich, and Graphic Designer Gordon Schmidt. They have won seven CASE awards in the past four years, including one for magazine publishing improvement, three for excellence in feature writing, and three for overall quality.



Economists call for reform

Sixteen leading economists—including two Nobel laureates—discussed America's financial crisis at a summit hosted by the Jepson School of Leadership Studies in late January. The economists convened in three private sessions and a public panel discussion.

Dr. Sandra Peart, dean of the Jepson School, said there was general agreement in the private sessions that the financial crisis and ensuing recession are unprecedented events caused by "a combination of private and public failings."

The first step toward fixing the problem is proper diagnosis, insisted Dr. James Buchanan, who won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1986. He described the crisis as "a massive constitutional failure" not a failure of specific policies or a groundswell of personal greed. "We have no monetary constitution," he explained, "no set of rules that constrain the operations of our economic system."

People have not become greedier, Peart agreed, but financial innovations "have channeled self-interest into areas that did not have sufficient regulatory oversight."

That painful shift has created "an inflection point in economic history," said Dr. Perry Mehrling, professor of economics at Columbia's Barnard College. Recalling the financial panic of 1873, Mehrling quoted the Bagehot principle of "lend freely but at a penalty rate." Adapting the slogan to the current crisis, Mehrling suggested, "insure freely (against credit risk) but at a high premium."

Jeff Lacker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, (pictured above) concluded that the big challenge in the next 12 months is "redesigning the (supervisory) regime we have around our private financial markets." Buchanan pushed Lacker's point one step further. He said, "I think we are going to have to sweep the whole system clean."

—Karl Rhodes



SPIDER SPORTS

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greatest moment
in UR sports
history?
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Brittanni Shells, '11, leads
the team in scoring.



BASKETBALL

Women's team wins eight straight games

It has been four years since the Spiders were this good in women's basketball. The team won its first eight games of the season, and by late January had compiled a 16-5 record.

The Spiders defeated a strong Virginia Commonwealth team, clobbered nationally ranked Wake Forest, and hung tough against perennial power Maryland.

In the VCU game sophomore Brittanni Shells, of Camden, Del., scored a game-high 16 points, and senior Johanna McKnight, of Kenner, La., contributed 13 points as the Spiders won 56-48. "Anytime you beat a city rival, it's special," says coach Michael Shafer.

The Spiders picked up another special victory in January by whipping Wake Forest 45-33.

Junior Nikita Thomas, of Riverdale, Ga., scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Shells scored a team high 11 points. But the real difference in this game was stubborn defense that held the No. 25 Demon Deacons to 13 points in the second half.

"Anytime you get a chance to beat a top-25 team, it helps in every facet of your program," Shafer says. "It helps in recruiting, it helps



The Spiders won their first eight games of the season.

confidence, and it helps the league. I'm very pleased we were able to do it."

The Spiders followed the Wake Forest win with victories over George Washington and La Salle before falling to St. Joseph's on the road. They returned to Richmond to easily handle St. Bonaventure and Massachusetts.

Shells paces the team in scoring, averaging 16.3 points per game, and senior Augustina Zygaite, of Vilnius, Lithuania, leads the team in rebounding, averaging 6.9 boards per game.

ALUMNI

Hall of Fame inducts 1982 national champs

The UR Athletics Hall of Fame inducted the 1982 women's tennis team in January.

Led by coach Eric O'Neill and all-Americans Martha Beddingfield, W'84, and

Sharon Dunsing, W'83, the team finished the season 23-5, including wins over every Division I team in Virginia.

After claiming state and regional titles, the team traveled to Greeley, Colo., to win the AIAW Division II National Championship.

Other 2009 Hall of Fame inductees are:

The late Claudia Dodson, W'63, a standout in field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. As head of the Virginia High School League, she expanded opportunities for female athletes.

Kelvin Johnson, R'85, a four-year starter and two-time captain of the men's basketball team. He scored 16 points in the win over Auburn in the 1984 NCAA tournament.

Bill Long, B'50, who took a break from his Spider football career to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. He returned to UR

and football after the war, then became a coach and the athletic director at Douglas Freeman High School in Henrico County, Va.

Erwin Matthews, B'89, who racked up 4,000 all-purpose yards as a runner, receiver, and kick returner in a four-year Spider football career. He ranks second all-time in all-purpose yards.

Dr. Larry Zacharias, R'52, team physician of UR's men's basketball and football teams from 1971–93.

SOCCER

Richmond hires Peay to coach men's soccer

Richmond has hired former Olympian and Major League Soccer standout Clint Peay to coach the men's soccer team. He previously served as an assistant coach at George Mason, Davidson, and Georgetown.

Peay was a four-year starter at the University of Virginia, helping the Cavaliers to four straight NCAA national championships from 1991–94. He started every game as a defender on Team USA in the 1996 Olympics, and he played four seasons for D.C. United, helping the team win three Major League Soccer Cup titles and one U.S. Open Cup championship.

"I am thrilled to join the University of Richmond," Peay says. "The combination of academic and athletic excellence that Richmond

values is a big part of why I want to be here."

CROSS COUNTRY

Llano finishes 176th at NCAA nationals

Matt Llano, '10, of Arnold, Md., finished 176th at the NCAA Cross Country National Championship hosted by Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. He was the first men's cross country runner in many years to compete for the national title.

Llano posted a 10K time of 31:29, two and one-half minutes behind the national champion. The field consisted of 252 men's Division I runners.

The race capped an outstanding season for Llano, who was named to the A-10 Academic All-Conference Team and voted the A-10 Men's Cross Country Student-Athlete of the Year. He finished second in the Atlantic 10 Conference championship and seventh in the NCAA Southeast championship, which qualified him to compete at nationals.

"I didn't know when I finished (the regional race) that I was seventh," he recalls, "But then my mom came running over, and she was jumping up and down and screaming, 'I think you made it! I think you made it!'"



Hightower scores super TD

In the first half of this year's NFC Championship game, the Arizona Cardinals built a 24-6 advantage over the Philadelphia Eagles. But Philadelphia scored 19 unanswered points in the second half to take the lead with 10:45 remaining and a trip to the Super Bowl on the line.

On its next possession, Arizona moved the ball to midfield, where it faced third down and two yards to go with eight minutes left. Coach Ken Whisenhunt sent rookie running back Tim Hightower, '08, into the game. Hightower had carried the ball only seven times for 20 yards that day, but he had earned a reputation as a go-to ball carrier in short-yardage situations.

Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner handed off to Hightower, who ran left into the line for one yard—not enough. Then, on fourth and one, Warner again gave the ball to Hightower, who veered right, turned the corner, and made the first down easily.

Five plays later, with Arizona facing third and one, Hightower blasted through the Eagles' line for five yards.

Three plays later, with less than three minutes to play, the Cardinals lined up for third down and goal to go from the Eagles' eight yard line. Arizona shifted into a shotgun formation. Warner took the snap and dropped back. Hightower sidestepped the rush, then turned to receive Warner's pass at the 13. He ran straight for the end zone, bowled over the Eagles' safety at the two yard line, and scored the game-winning touchdown.

In his rookie season, Hightower scored 13 touchdowns for Arizona, but he will always remember the one that put Arizona in the Super Bowl. "I saw the end zone and my eyes lit up," Hightower recalls. "It was one of the best feelings to know the coaches have confidence in you in one of the most crucial situations of the game."

—Karl Rhodes



SEASON ON THE BRINK

Living on the edge of sudden death, the Spiders found a way to win the University's first NCAA team championship.

By Joe Williams, R'84

Minutes after the football team suffered a heart-breaking, last-second loss to James Madison University, head coach Mike London, R'83, had to make a difficult decision.

His squad had just blown a late-game, eight-point lead against cross-state rival JMU, the nation's top-ranked team at the time. The Spiders lost the game by allowing a 69-yard punt return for a touchdown with only one second left on the clock. The stinging defeat, on Richmond's home turf, ruined the Spiders' chance to win the Colonial Athletic Association title.

In a quiet locker room that afternoon, several of London's stunned players had tears in their eyes. London knew that feeling: 25 years earlier, he had been in the same locker room, a star player on a Spider football team that lost every game that terrible season.

"I had to check myself," says London, recalling the moments following the JMU loss. "It would have been easy to blast the guys and tell them about the opportunity they just wasted," especially when many people—including some players—thought Richmond's road to the championship was completely washed out.





Junior wide receiver Jordan Mitchell feels the pain in Richmond's agonizing loss to JMU.

Instead, London and his coaches decided to deliver another message to the team. They could still win a championship—probably not a conference title, but perhaps a national championship. But each player had to rededicate himself to that goal, and there would be no margin for error. They had to win all their remaining nine games.

It would have been easy to give up, London says. "People think the season is gone, and that can become a self-fulfilling prophecy, but from that game on, it was one game at a time. Every game was going to be a playoff game."

Though he didn't know it at the time, his decision to emphasize the positive—even after a crushing defeat—was the turning point in what became a fantastic journey for London and the Spiders. After the JMU loss, the team went on a tear, winning five straight regular season games and three playoff games, two

of them as underdogs on the road.

By the time the Spiders reached the NCAA Division I Football Championship Series title game in Chattanooga, Tenn., the team had become a football brotherhood that played with the determination and passion of their new head coach. Tears and emotion became as critical as blocking and tackling in the team's improbable march to gridiron glory.

In a fitting end to the storybook season, London and the Spiders defeated Montana in the title game on national television in prime time. It was the University's first NCAA team championship, and it led to London's selection as national coach of the year.

Two of his star players, senior defensive end Lawrence Sidbury Jr. and junior quarterback Eric Ward point to London as the catalyst for their remarkable season—an experience they still describe with words like "unbelievable" and "unreal."

Together with their teammates, they accomplished something few expected. They won a national championship for a school better known for its high academic standards and picturesque campus than a winning football tradition. (See Vantage Point column on page 48.)

ONE BOTCHED PLAY

When the season began, most sportswriters favored Richmond to win the Colonial Athletic Association title. The Spiders seemed to justify that prediction by winning their first two games and hanging tough against the University of Virginia, a solid team in the upper bracket of Division I. (London was UVa's defensive coordinator before returning to coach his alma mater as head coach last year.)

Richmond won its next two games before stumbling against Villanova. After crushing Virginia Military Institute, the Spiders faced No. 1 JMU, the acid test for London in his first season as a head coach. If the Spiders defeated the Dukes, they would take a giant step toward a conference title and a national championship, but losing the game probably would eliminate them from the CAA race.

Played under lead-gray skies, the game was a back-and-forth battle. The teams combined for nearly 70 points, and the lead changed five times, but the Spiders' eight-point advantage seemed safe with 3:21 left in the game.

The Dukes tied the game with a touchdown and a two-point conversion, then forced Richmond to punt with just a few seconds left on the clock. That's when things fell apart. A bad punt put the ball in the hands of Scotty McGee, JMU's electrifying punt returner, who dodged a half-dozen defenders to score the winning touchdown with one second left.

"It was kind of a shocker," recalls



Ward, the junior quarterback. “Guys were looking like, ‘Did this really happen?’”

One botched play had crushed their championship hopes. “It definitely hurt,” Sidbury says. “I thought that we lost a game that we should have won. ... If we had played the way we were capable of playing, we would not be having this conversation.”

The following day, Sidbury and other team leaders—including fellow senior captains Sherman Logan, John Crone, and Will Healy—called a players’ meeting to clear the air and put the JMU game behind them.

“We said, ‘What do you all want to do? It’s as simple as that,’” Sidbury recalls. “We needed to hear from each other. Probably some people’s mindsets were still shaken after the game, but we still had goals that were attainable.”

The meeting was emotional and intense, but it galvanized the players and propelled them into the playoffs. “At that point we knew we

really couldn’t lose another game,” Sidbury says. “We knew we had to take one game at a time.”

Practices became more focused. Players did extra work to prepare for games—studying films of upcoming opponents, sharpening skills on the practice field. And the wins started to accumulate: Massachusetts, Georgetown, Hofstra.

others who motivate them to play better. He read one card to the team before each practice.

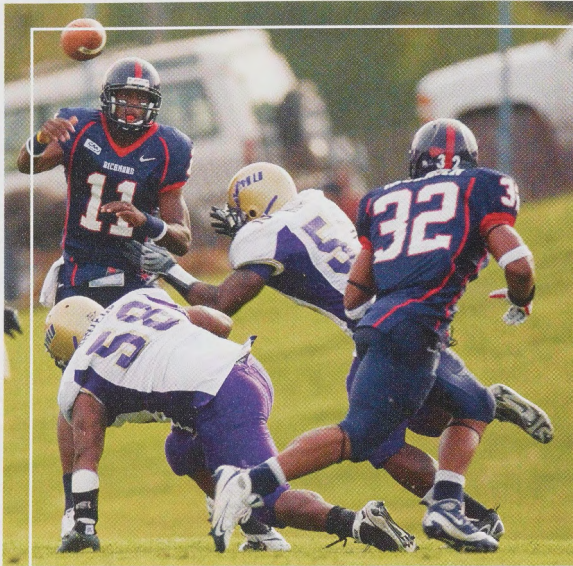
The gesture took on greater meaning when one player’s mother died unexpectedly. The player, who had grown up without a father, rarely played in games, but he sought comfort from his teammates and looked to London as a surrogate

From the left: senior captains John Crone, Lawrence Sidbury, Sherman Logan, and Will Healy show team solidarity before the championship game.

They defeated Delaware, 31-14, and gave the game ball to the grieving player. “After that game,” London says, “I knew.”

The coaches were working harder, too, remaining positive and focusing the team on its goals. London gave all the players index cards and asked them to write down the names of people who mean the most in their lives—brothers, sisters, parents, and

father. The player addressed the team just before the game against Delaware. “He said, ‘I want you all to know that my mom looked to you as my brothers.’” The Spiders charged onto the field overflowing with emotion. (See cover photo.)



From the left: quarterback Eric Ward passes to running back Josh Vaughan in the JMU game; Spider fans exhale after another breathtaking road win; tight end Joe Stewart celebrates his game-winning catch against Northern Iowa; and the Spider defense crushes Montana's Chase Reynolds.

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THE BIG COMEBACK

The Spiders made it to the playoffs, but because they had lost three games during the regular season, they were not seeded among the favorites. Richmond had earned only one home game in the playoffs—a 38-10 win over Eastern Kentucky. After that, the Spiders were expected to be roadkill at Appalachian State.

The Mountaineers had won the national championship three years in a row, including 2007, when they decisively eliminated Richmond in a quarter-final game, but the 2008 rematch was a different story. The Spider defense forced seven turn-

overs, including three interceptions by junior cornerback Seth Williams. Richmond trailed 7-6 at halftime, but the Spider offense scored 27 points in the second half to make the final score 33-13.

The next playoff game was spectacular. Richmond trailed Northern Iowa 20-7 going into the fourth quarter, and the raucous home crowd in Cedar Falls was starting to celebrate a trip to the championship game, but the Spiders maintained their poise.

"I knew we weren't out of the game," Ward recalls. "We were going to have opportunities to get the ball back. We've got a great defense. I was confident they'd get the stops we needed."

Sure enough, the defense shut down the Panthers, and Ward scored on a quarterback keeper to make the score 20-14. Again the defense stopped Northern Iowa, but Richmond failed to convert a fourth down at the 2:13 mark. With time and hope evaporating, the Spiders held the Panthers one more time, using all their timeouts to preserve 1:44 on the clock. Then, in the most dramatic drive of the season, Ward quickly led the Spiders down the field, converting a life-or-death fourth down at the Panther's 22 yard line and throwing a touchdown pass to senior tight end Joe Stewart with only 14 seconds to spare. Junior Andrew Howard added the extra point to win the game 21-20.

The Northern Iowa victory set up the championship game against Montana, a team that knocked Richmond out of the playoffs in 2000. Playing in the national spotlight before an enthusiastic crowd of supporters, the Spiders pounced on the Grizzlies early, building a 21-0 lead by halftime en route to a 24-7 victory—and the 2008 NCAA FCS championship.

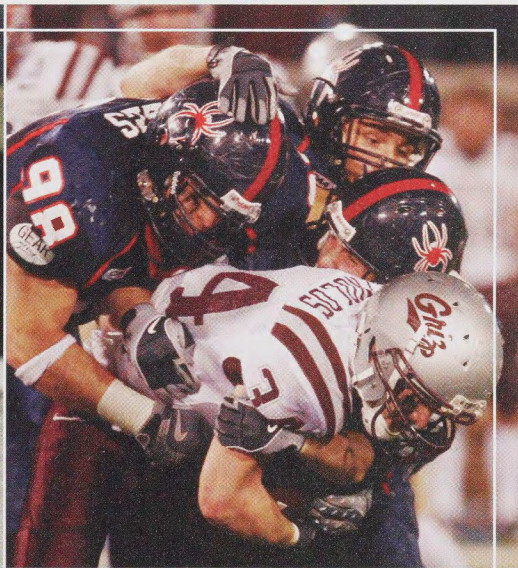
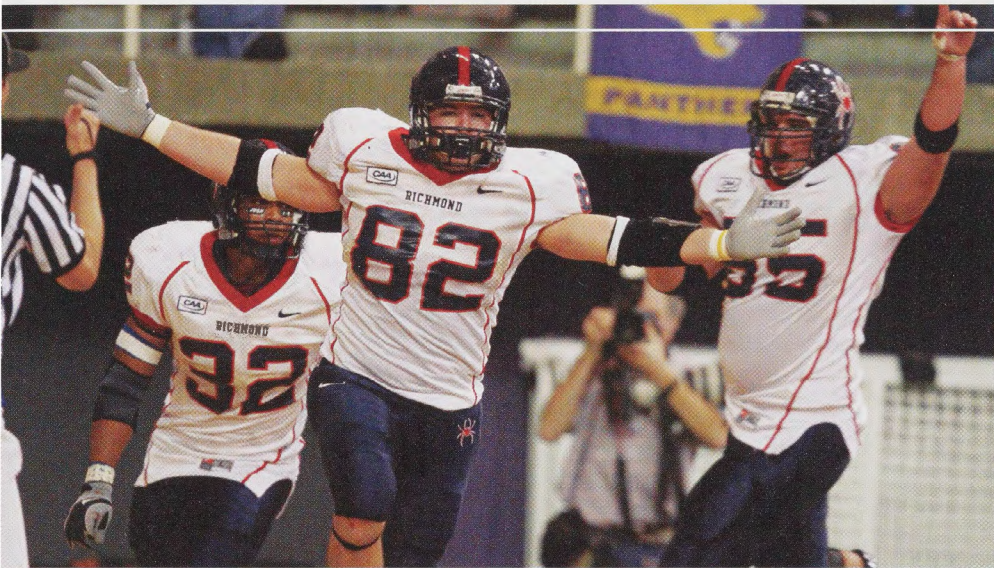
There are plenty of pictures of London hoisting the trophy after the game with red and blue confetti falling down around him, but he sometimes cannot believe that his first team as a head coach—his alma mater—is the reigning national champion.

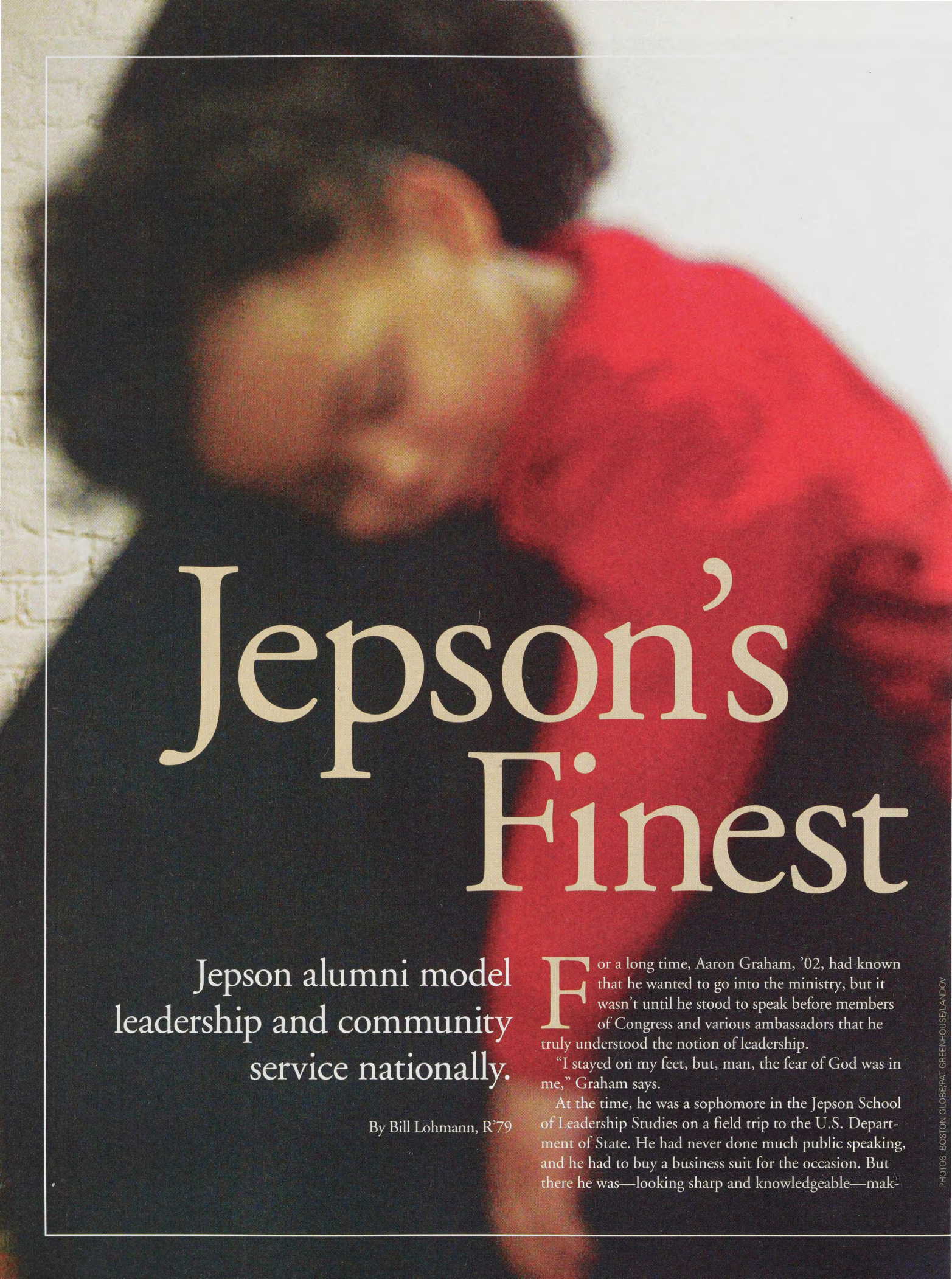
Yet he speaks with equal enthusiasm about his players' success off the field—the professor who called London to compliment a player on his classwork, the player who escorted a drunk young woman away from a party and back to the safety of her dormitory, and the support the players gave their teammate when his mother died.

"It dawned on me how significant a football family is," London says. "That's an experience I will never, ever forget. ... We are family. We will do whatever we can because we are brothers. That's awesome to me."

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Jepson's Finest

Jepson alumni model
leadership and community
service nationally.

By Bill Lohmann, R'79

For a long time, Aaron Graham, '02, had known that he wanted to go into the ministry, but it wasn't until he stood to speak before members of Congress and various ambassadors that he truly understood the notion of leadership.

"I stayed on my feet, but, man, the fear of God was in me," Graham says.

At the time, he was a sophomore in the Jepson School of Leadership Studies on a field trip to the U.S. Department of State. He had never done much public speaking, and he had to buy a business suit for the occasion. But there he was—looking sharp and knowledgeable—mak-

At Jepson, Aaron Graham, '02, learned the value of public speaking and public listening—helping others find their voices.



ing a presentation about land mines to an audience that included Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Confidence swelled within him. He discovered then and there that “leadership is about giving other people opportunities that go beyond their comfort zones.”

Graham is now national field organizer and justice revivals coordinator for Sojourners, a faith-based organization in Washington, D.C., with a mission of advancing social justice. He also exemplifies the Jepson School’s commitment to developing leaders who serve their communities as they aspire to leadership.

“Our curriculum is structured so that we look at leadership through many different lenses,” says Dr. Sandra Peart, dean of the Jepson School. “I think it’s true that many students ... come into the leadership program and think we’re really going to be about training, that we’ll help

can be about effecting change—in society or on a smaller stage—by “simply coming up with the ideas and the means by which we improve our lot in life,” Peart explains.

HEALTHY AMBITION

Rebecca Condon, ’07, grew up in a small town in Maine. She had been president of her high school class, and the Jepson School was one of the things that attracted her to Richmond. She double-majored in international studies and leadership studies. “I knew what motivated and engaged me, but not necessarily how I could make a living,” she recalls.

Her education at Jepson emphasized the community component of leadership, she says, “both the responsibility of leaders to act as servants to their communities as well as the dynamics of leadership within a community.”

During her junior year, Condon

GRASS-ROOTS POLITICS

Tara Sulzen, ’07, found her calling as a political organizer for the Bus Project, which promotes grass-roots activism in Oregon. She is now a field organizer with 1000 Friends of Oregon, a “smart-growth” advocacy group

Sulzen enrolled in the Jepson School because of its emphasis on service, having taken on a number of leadership roles in community service organizations during high school. But she became more politically engaged at Jepson.

“I became much more interested in learning about local leaders who shape the policies affecting our daily lives,” Sulzen explains. “Through coursework at Jepson, I began getting involved with organizations that [lobbied] legislators in the General Assembly, and my professors helped me match my research interests with volunteer opportunities.”

During her senior year, Sulzen researched urban sprawl at the same time she volunteered with a local nonprofit promoting sustainable growth so she could learn about effective types of advocacy and policy.

Her interest in growth issues led her to Oregon, where she trains volunteers to participate in the legislative process.

HIGHER PURPOSE

Samuel Kaufman, ’99, a partner in a Richmond law firm and an active community volunteer, was attracted to UR as a place to play football. When he visited the campus, however, he learned about the Jepson School, and that became the deciding factor in choosing Richmond.

“My first thought was, how do you teach leadership?” he recalls. “I started to read the material, and I decided it was certainly a discipline worthy of study. From the first class, it kind of opened my eyes. Leadership is something that permeates

“Leadership is not just about pulling bodies out of the water, but about going upstream to where they’re being thrown in in the first place.”

them acquire the skills that a leader needs. We’re much more interested in trying to help students understand the process of leadership.”

The nation’s first undergraduate school of leadership studies promotes the understanding of leadership through Jepson’s broad academic offerings in economics, history, literature, philosophy, politics, psychology, and religion. Students gain further insight by working as interns and volunteers.

Ultimately, they realize that leadership can be “more subtle” than bossing people around. Leadership

studied at the University of Cape Town in South Africa and worked in an orphanage there where tuberculosis and HIV infections were widespread.

“I came to understand how the health of communities is essential to their development and sustainability,” she recalls. “Our greater health problems are wrapped up in broader structural issues, and our solutions must mirror that. I think leadership is at the heart of these strategies.”

Currently, Condon is pursuing a master’s degree in public health at Boston University.



every facet of life.”

People have to make a living, Kaufman says, “but there can be a greater purpose that drives us ... be it volunteerism outside the workplace or volunteerism inside the workplace.”

The desire to attend law school came from his experience volunteering at the Virginia Poverty Law Center through a Jepson program. He still does pro bono work with an agency that provides legal help to victims of abuse. He also has volunteered at an emergency shelter.

Now Kaufman is expanding his community service into economic development and education, but he downplays his efforts. “You do a little here and a little there,” he concludes, “and you try to make every little bit help.”

DOWNWARD MOBILITY

Aaron Graham has come a long way since the day he stood up at the State Department and talked about land mines.

The son of a Southern Baptist

missionary, Graham spent part of his childhood in Africa. He developed a passionate belief that the church must help the poor and oppressed, and his Jepson experience taught him how to transform that passion into action.

“Jepson taught me servant leadership is about how you ... help others develop their voices,” Graham says. “People think leadership is how many people are listening to you ... but Jepson helped teach me it’s not how much attention you attract but how many people you mobilize.”

After graduation, he felt called to Boston, so he moved there without a job, car, phone, or credit card. All he took was a little cash and a lot of faith. He wanted to feel what it would be like to be poor and uncertain.

In the years that followed, he and his wife, Amy, whom he met in Boston, helped start the Quincy Street Missionary Church in the city’s troubled Dorchester neighborhood.

“True leadership is about downward mobility,” Graham says. “So

many people are trying to fight their way to the top ... but true leadership is as much about identifying with those who have been left out and left behind. ... Leadership is not just pulling bodies out of the water, but about going upstream to where they’re being thrown in in the first place.”

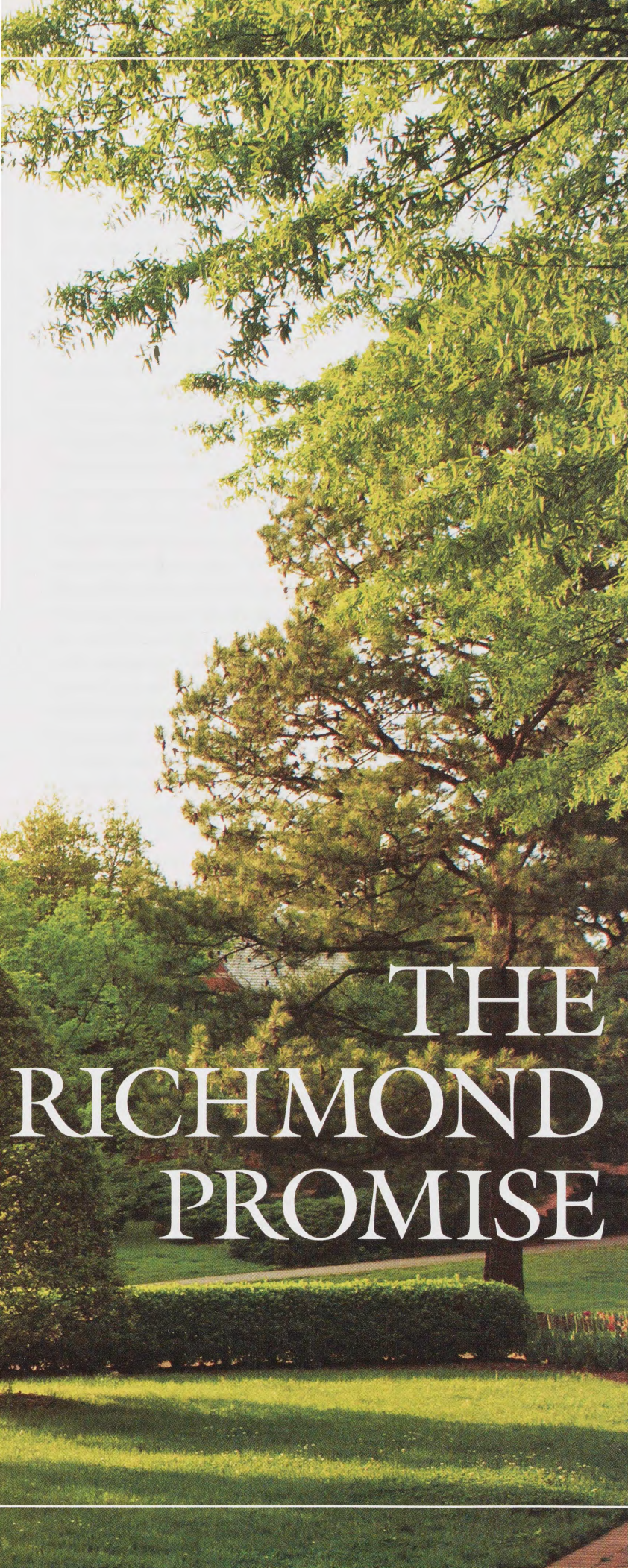
While in Boston, Graham earned his master’s degree in public policy from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. Then he moved to Washington to work with Sojourners, spearheading “justice revivals” to encourage people of faith to work on behalf of the poor.

“I don’t know the future,” he says of his long-term career goals. “But I definitely know this is what makes me come alive.” ✿

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Graham and his wife, Amy, join hands with the congregation during their farewell service at Quincy Street Missionary Church.





THE RICHMOND PROMISE

The University's new strategic plan lays out an ambitious agenda for the next five years.

Hundreds of alumni, students, faculty, staff, and trustees have worked throughout the fall to produce *The Richmond Promise*, a bold new plan for the University.

Five working groups, totaling more than 75 people, pored over documents, talked with colleagues, studied Web pages, analyzed numbers, examined other schools, and produced multiple drafts of plans for each component of the final document. At more than 20 open forums, everyone associated with the University was invited to weigh in on the broad outlines and the detailed provisions of each of the five components of the plan. A Web site also gave people the opportunity to comment in detail, anonymously if they wished, on each draft.

The resulting document has been endorsed by representatives of the faculty, the staff, and the University of Richmond Alumni Association. Also, the Board of Trustees has approved it unanimously. Students have been active participants in every step, and both the Westhampton College Government Association and the Richmond College Student Government Association have discussed the plan's implications for student life.

The principles that the University community has outlined establish how Richmond will pursue its mission for the next five years. Goals provide direction, and action steps ensure effective means of achieving those goals.

The basic principles of *The Richmond Promise* grew out of conversations President Edward Ayers had with all of the University's constituencies last year, when he asked them what they wanted Richmond to be known for as it moves forward. Wide agreement emerged about what the University should commit itself to accomplish.

The resulting plan pledges that the University will dedicate itself to five major goals. The larger purpose is to operate as a model institu-



INTEGRATED ACADEMICS

Seeing all sides

British philosopher and political economist John Stuart Mill once said, “He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.” A proposed major in philosophy, politics, economics, and law (PPEL) would guard against such one-sided thinking.

The new major would take advantage of synergies among four of Richmond’s five schools—Arts and Sciences (philosophy), the Jepson School of Leadership Studies (politics), the Robins School of Business (economics), and the T.C. Williams School of Law.

“The idea is that, in the world in which we’re living, no single disciplinary approach can give you a good understanding of the issues that we confront,” explains Dr. Nancy Schauber, (pictured above) an associate professor of philosophy who is leading efforts to develop the new major.

The academic council has approved the new major, and the PPEL advisory committee is fleshing out the academic requirements. In addition to Schauber, members of the committee include: Dr. Terry Price, associate professor of leadership studies, Dr. Jonathan Wight, professor of economics and international studies, Dr. John Pagan, university professor and former dean of the law school, Dr. Stephen Simon, assistant professor of political science, and Dr. Geoffrey Goddu, associate professor of philosophy. The University hopes to begin offering the new major in fall 2010.

PPEL majors would take four specific courses: a gateway course, a microeconomics course, a new law and economics course, and a capstone seminar. They would explore historical, methodological, and theoretical interconnections among the four fields, using their practical skills and theoretical knowledge to synthesize what they learn. Each student also would choose a track in philosophy, political science, or economics to learn a specific discipline.

“This part of the major ensures depth,” Schauber notes, “while the others ensure breadth.”

—Pamela Babcock

tion of higher education, sustaining a superb faculty and staff and administering the institution with the highest standards of innovation and professionalism.

The University promises to offer *a learning environment unlike any other in higher education*, offering students an extraordinary combination of traditional strengths in the liberal arts plus schools of law, business, leadership studies, and continuing studies.

Richmond commits itself to offering a distinctly integrated student experience, coordinating a rich and innovative life for students inside and outside the classroom with excellent programs as varied as international studies, arts, and athletics.

The University community will be *defined by a spirit of opportunity and welcome to excellent students, faculty, and staff of all means and backgrounds*, sustained through a comprehensive program of financial aid, a dedication to overarching fairness, and an authentic culture of inclusivity that seeks and prizes diversity of experience, belief, and thought.

The next five years will see the University engaged *as a meaningful part of the Richmond community, of the nation, and of the world*, drawing on our long commitment and well-established foundations for such work.

This new strategic plan, in short, aims to fulfill the mission established by the Board of Trustees: to “sustain a collaborative learning and research community that supports the personal development of its members and the creation of new knowledge. A Richmond education prepares students to live lives of purpose, thoughtful inquiry, and responsible leadership in a global and pluralistic society.”

The University community has quickly and unanimously come together around its defining purposes to produce *The Richmond Promise*, which will guide everything the

University strives to accomplish over the coming years. The entire strategic plan—complete with all the action steps necessary to achieve the University's goals—is available at strategicplan.richmond.edu. Here are the highlights:

INTEGRATED ACADEMICS

The University will redesign the curriculum to make accessible the full range of curricular offerings across the schools, including a guarantee that all undergraduate students may take at least one upper-division course in two schools outside the school of their major.

To ensure implementation of those action steps, the University will establish a representative ad hoc faculty task force to propose a revised undergraduate first-year experience, a general education framework, and upper-division curricular opportunities consistent with an integrated academic enterprise.

A faculty development initiative will offer increased support for interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship, making Richmond the destination of choice for the highest quality faculty.

INCLUSIVE DIVERSITY

The Richmond Promise seeks to ensure an inclusive campus environment that welcomes people from diverse backgrounds, encourages the exchange of ideas from various perspectives, promotes open social and academic interaction, promises full access to facilities and programs, and educates against intolerance and exclusion.

The University will recruit, retain, and graduate substantially more students from underrepresented minorities to strengthen the learning environment and expand Richmond's reach. The University also will recruit and retain faculty, staff, and senior



INCLUSIVE DIVERSITY

Blazing new trails

Navigating Richmond's campus is not easy on wheels or crutches. With steep slopes, 82 buildings, 466 doors, and more than 116,000 feet of pathways, getting to and from class can be challenging.

To improve accessibility, a group of students in an Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) class spent 10 weeks digitally mapping the campus. They developed an interactive map that details the physical features and helps people with mobility challenges chart the best paths around campus. It highlights steep hills, handicapped parking spaces, curb cuts, automatic doors, and elevators.

"What they've accomplished so far is unbelievable and really useful for people like me," says Emily Bartle, '12, who gets around on a scooter. Although Bartle was not in the GIS class, she served as a consultant on the project.

Last summer, the only accessibility map was a simple diagram of the campus—with highlighted paths zigzagging across the page. Representatives from Common Ground, which helps the UR community become more diverse and inclusive, approached Kim Klinker, director of the spatial analysis lab, and asked her to take on the project. Then Klinker developed the GIS course to make it a learning experience for students.

Abby Novak, '11, majoring in geography and women, gender and sexuality studies, was one of 18 students who dedicated more than 100 combined hours to the project.

"Every hour was worth it," Novak says. "I've learned so much about accessibility and the extent to which GIS can help people in their daily lives." The students presented the map to campus leaders in December, and this spring, they are taking Klinker's Advanced Spatial Analysis class to refine the map and post an interactive version online.

"The more we can do to make the campus welcoming, the better," Klinker says. "And these students won't ever look at the campus the same way."

—Melanie Mayhew, '05

ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

Creating opportunities

Elvira Barron, '10, helps her mother take care of three younger siblings at their home in Chesterfield County, Va. They both work part time to pay the bills, and money is tight.

Barron was born on a ranch near Guanajuato, Mexico, but her father wanted a better life for his family, so he moved them to Richmond when she was 3 years old.

"My father had completed some technical schooling and was one of my biggest inspirations to keep going and do well in school," Barron says. He died when she was in the ninth grade, but Barron held fast to her goal of becoming the first person in her family to attend college. She knew, however, that she would need a full scholarship.

The timing was fortuitous. Three years ago, the University implemented a financial aid package equal to full tuition plus room and board—with no loans to repay—for new first-year students who are residents of Virginia. They must qualify for admission. Their family's total income must be \$40,000 or less, and they must demonstrate eligibility for need-based financial aid. They also must be traditional undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

"We are always looking for ways to improve our aid programs, including improving access for low-income students and finding ways to better serve our Virginia residents," says Cindy Deffenbaugh, director of financial aid. So far, 41 students have benefitted from the Virginia plan, including Barron, who continues to receive the scholarship.

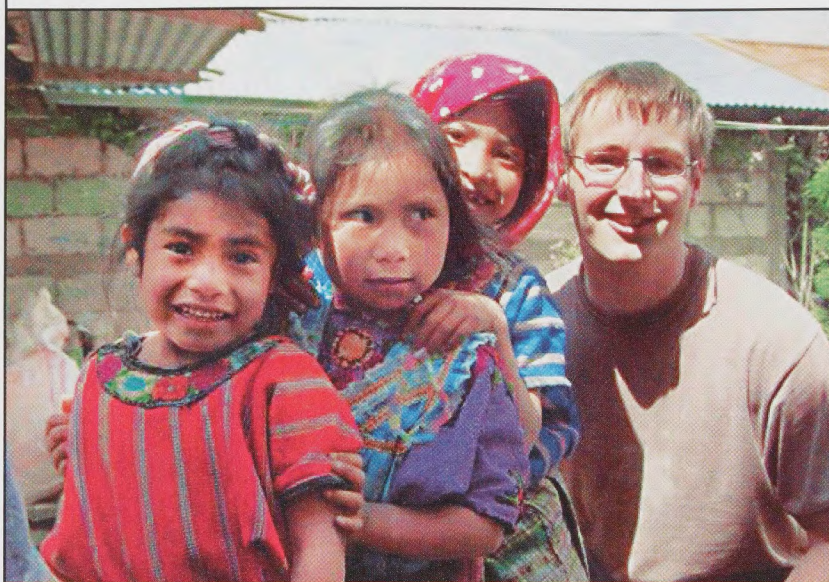
"It's a very big deal for me to have this opportunity," says Barron, who is majoring in psychology with a minor in education. She hopes to become a teacher, then pursue a doctorate in childhood development and possibly work as a school counselor.

Barron's two brothers, sister, cousins, and other extended family members are ecstatic about her success at Richmond. "They always say I am their role model," she says. "And my mom is extremely proud of me."

—Pamela Babcock







COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Making it real

Building stoves in the mountains of Guatemala was a transformational experience for Vladimir Hruda, '09.

The David D. Burhans Civic Fellow spent his final collegiate summer working for the Highland Support Project, an organization that supports Mayan families in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. Hruda split his time between the nonprofit's Virginia office, where he developed an online marketing campaign, and Guatemala, where he helped expand the organization's programming with the Mayan people.

Hruda is one of nine Burhans fellows who have undertaken academically grounded, 10-week internships at nonprofit, governmental, or other service organizations during the past year. Each fellow, with support from the Bonner Center for Civic Engagement (CCE), works with a University adviser to develop an academic and vocational experience that emphasizes community engagement. The CCE awards each student \$4,000, and throughout the summer, the students meet in person and online with other fellows and their advisers.

"It makes real the education that our students receive in the classroom," says Dr. Doug Hicks, executive director of the CCE and associate professor of leadership studies and religion. "It gives them a sense of purpose for their education, so they can see the societal need for their talents and preparation—whether it's working in the public or not-for-profit sectors or for civically minded companies.

Hruda, a mathematical economics major, applied to the program after spending his spring break volunteering in Guatemala. During his internship, he initiated a project to connect—via videoconference—Richmond middle school students to students in Guatemala, which he hopes will improve the students' language skills and break down cultural barriers.

"This is not just a small enhancement to their education," Hicks says of the Burhans fellows. "For many, it has been a key transformational moment where they've integrated their academic work with their passions."

—Melanie Mayhew, '05

managers from underrepresented minorities to attain the critical mass needed for a diverse community.

Richmond will be strengthened intellectually and socially by the range of knowledge, opinion, belief, political perspective, and background of its members, whether of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability status, age, religious, economic, or geographic origin. Students will therefore be better prepared to contribute to a diverse and global society.

ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

The University will be accessible and affordable for students who can most benefit from, and contribute to, the educational environment.

Richmond will invest in making the University more affordable for low-income and modest-income students and in making its pricing policies and costs to families transparent and understandable, so as to increase the number of students from families in those categories.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The University will be intentionally engaged with the city of Richmond and the wider region. Community engagement will be both a method to inspire students within a civic-minded campus culture and a means to share the intellectual capital and skills of faculty, staff, students, and alumni with the larger community. In turn, the University will be enhanced by greater connections to the city and region.

Richmond has a long and proud history of community engagement, much of it at the grass-roots level, that has transformed our students and the community at large. Yet significant opportunities exist for the University to increase that impact by being more focused, more strategic,

and more coordinated in its community engagement efforts. The goals and action steps outlined in the plan are intended to increase integration, intentionality, and impact.

The Richmond Promise sets three goals to improve the University's civic engagement efforts: expanding the organizational culture of community engagement, focusing resources on limited numbers of community needs, and centralizing leadership and support for community engagement.

DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCE

The University is known for its commitment to a personal, well-rounded student experience. Its optimal size and residential nature provide the foundation for further linking academic endeavors with other student activities.

The strategic plan outlines three goals to enhance the overall student experience. The first is to further integrate academics with co-curricular programs. The second goal is to strengthen the University's sense of community by promoting student pride and school spirit. The third goal is to better prepare students to become successful and active alumni with lifelong connections to the University.

The Richmond Promise builds upon the work of the past century, when the University of Richmond took shape around Westhampton Lake. The plan will culminate in 2014, the centennial of the University's establishment on its current campus. Over that century, generations have worked to create an ideal educational community. Now it is the current generation's opportunity to fulfill the promise of all that the University can be.✱

For more information, visit strategicplan.richmond.edu.



DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCE

Living and learning

For 14 students in Dr. Carlos Valencia's Spanish in the Community class, their dorm is an extension of their classroom. They live and learn together, sharing lectures and discussions—and a hallway—in Lakeview Residence Hall.

The class is one of the University's new Living and Learning programs, in which students take the class, live together in the residence hall, and participate in community-based learning.

Valencia requires 20 hours of community-based learning where students exercise their Spanish language skills in Richmond's Hispanic community. The students' volunteer activities include medical translation, ESL assistance, and working in schools with Spanish-speaking children.

"We believe it's really important to have that connection between what our students are doing in the community and in the classroom," says Valencia, who also serves as director of technology for the Department of Latin American and Iberian Studies. Throughout the semester, guest speakers share their views on what it means to be Hispanic, and students get together for social events and field trips that bridge the gap between classroom learning and extracurricular activities.

Suren Daryanani, '11, who is majoring in business, tutored Spanish-speaking students at Tuckahoe Middle School. He signed up for the class because he wanted to improve his Spanish and get involved with Richmond's Hispanic community. Daryanani, who hails from Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, says that the community-based learning helped him appreciate the value of education and enhanced his perspective on how someone adapts to American culture.

"The experience was absolutely fantastic," he says. "Living and Learning really helped me see that relationships can be built inside and outside of the classroom. The class ... has allowed me to better my Spanish, engage with the Spanish community in Richmond, and get to know a lot about students I knew little about."

—Melanie Mayhew, '05

ALUMNI NEWS

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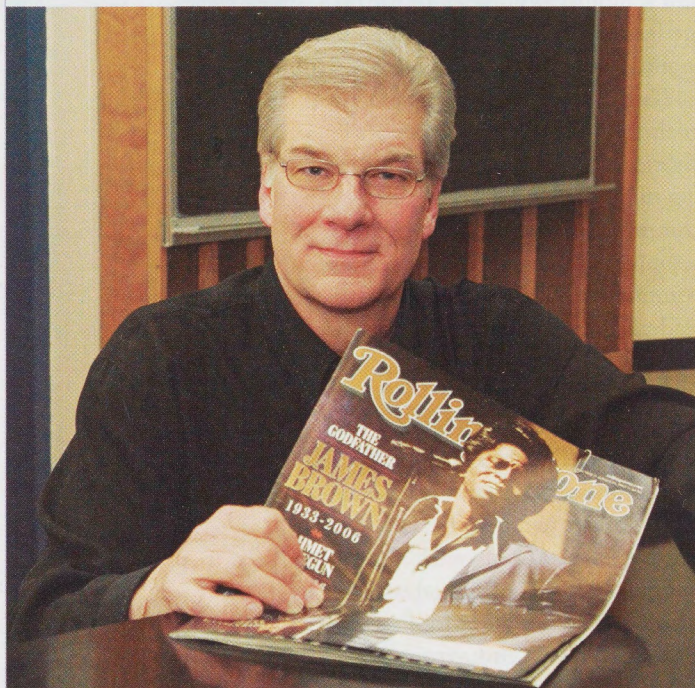
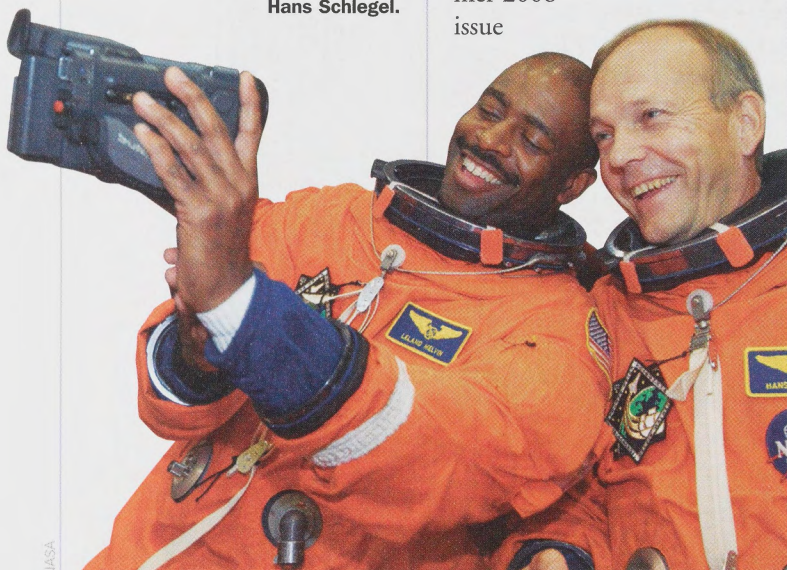
NASA taps Melvin to return to space

NASA has scheduled astronaut Leland Melvin, R'86, to return to space in November 2009 aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery.

The shuttle's crew plans to deliver parts to the International Space Station on a mission that would include four spacewalks. Melvin would serve as a mission specialist, the same role he filled on his first trip into space in February 2008 aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis. On that mission, Melvin operated the robotic arms of the space shuttle and the space station to assist spacewalkers and perform other tasks.

Melvin serves as 2008–09 leader-in-residence at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. To learn more about his first trip into space, read the cover story in the summer 2008 issue

Leland Melvin, R'86, (left) mugs for the camera with fellow astronaut Hans Schlegel.



Steve Buckingham, R'71, highlights music's impact on segregation.

of the alumni magazine at magazine.richmond.edu/archives.

Wind turbine powers Purcell's Time Factory

Jim Purcell, B'87, has erected a wind turbine—the first one in Indianapolis—to power The Time Factory, a company that produces calendars and posters.

The 50-kilowatt wind turbine stands 125 feet tall and supplies more than half the electricity needed for The Time Factory's 22,000-square-foot facility.

Purcell is founder and president of The Time Factory, which recently produced a calendar for UR donors with scenic photos of the Richmond campus.

Peterson to retire after 40 years at UR

Herb Peterson, B'64, vice president for business and finance, is retiring July 1 after serving nearly 40 years in the University's business office.

Peterson graduated from Richmond in 1964 and took an accounting position with the local office of A.M. Pullen and Co. The firm assigned him to the independent audit of the University in 1969, the year UR announced a \$50 million gift from E. Claiborne Robins.

The gift allowed Richmond to expand its administration, including a new position in the business office that the University offered to Peterson.

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SYLLABUS

Alumnus notes music's impact on segregation

Benny Goodman, Ray Charles, and Chuck Berry might not come to mind as civil rights leaders, but their music helped change society's ideas about race.

"Music did more to integrate society than the courts," says Steve Buckingham, R'71, who is teaching a course on the influence of jazz, rhythm and blues, and soul music on segregation.

Buckingham, an award-winning record producer from Nashville, Tenn., grew up in a segregated Richmond and played guitar in integrated bands, whose members could not eat together in restaurants or stay overnight in the same motels.

He has worked with or has a connection to many of the artists and producers he features in the class, including John Hammond, James Brown, Smokey Robinson, and The Drifters, for whom Buckingham played backup guitar during a 1960s appearance at UR.

"What's most unusual and appealing about the course is that it's being taught by someone with impeccable credentials," says Dr. Gene Anderson, who chairs the music department. Buckingham, senior vice president of Vanguard and Sugar Hill Records, has

produced 27 No. 1 singles, 11 platinum albums, and 19 gold albums. He flies from Nashville to Richmond on Sundays to teach the class.

Musical artists influenced the civil rights movement in a couple of ways, Buckingham says. Words to songs like "A Change Is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke and "People Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield were strong commentaries on race relations, while the music of artists such as Motown giants Marvin Gaye and Smokey Robinson attracted hordes of white teenage fans.

BENEFITS

CDC launches UR Career Network

The Career Development Center (CDC) has launched the UR Career Network, a new system that will replace the career networking function of UR Online.

UR Online will continue to provide a wide array of alumni services at UROnline.net, but career profiles from UR Online have been moved to the UR Career Network.

The new UR Career Network will allow alumni and students to better connect with each other and the University. While maintaining and accessing their personal profiles, members can search for career connections by company, organization,



We are UR!



There are a handful of memories that define my Richmond experience, and cheering for the Spiders at the national championship football game in Chattanooga will always be among them. (See story on page 10.)

The past few months have been times of change, anticipation, and excitement for our alma mater, and the nationally televised victory was a wonderful conclusion to a challenging but highly successful 2008.

As I wrote to you in December, the University of Richmond Alumni Association (URAA) has been developing a strategic plan that dovetails with the University's new strategic plan. (See story on page 20.) Both plans will embrace inclusivity, diversity, the University's distinctive heritage, and most importantly reflect our board's commitment to strengthening the relationships among all alumni and our alma mater.

The URAA Board of Directors joined me in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 21 for our annual winter meeting. We were joined by Tom Gutenberger, B'87, vice president for advancement, and Nanci Tessier, vice president for enrollment management. Later that evening, alumni chapters in D.C. and Northern Virginia hosted a reception for local alumni and parents of current students with the URAA board, head football coach Mike London, R'83, and President Edward Ayers. It was a warm reminder that the URAA board must reach out to alumni everywhere.

With that in mind, I ask you to join alumni throughout the world in supporting UR. Attend regional events in your area. Return to campus for reunions and homecoming. Hire a UR grad. Offer a student an internship. Make a gift to the annual fund. The amount is not as important as your participation, which continues to be a benchmark in many areas, especially in recruiting future Spiders.

Let me close by saluting the current students, faculty, and staff of the University. It is an honor to have a chance to work closely with so many of them. We need to look no further than the dedication they show every day to recognize our University's strength and momentum.

—Tripp Perrin, '95

industry, and region.

"Networking is an essential part of any job search, and Richmond has a fantastic network of professionals who are always looking to hire fellow grads," says Joe Testani, associate director of the CDC. "This new system gives alumni and current students a simple, yet sophisticated way to connect."

Testani encourages existing and new members to log on to the new system to make sure their profiles are complete. For more information, visit the UR Career Network at cdc.richmond.edu/network.html.

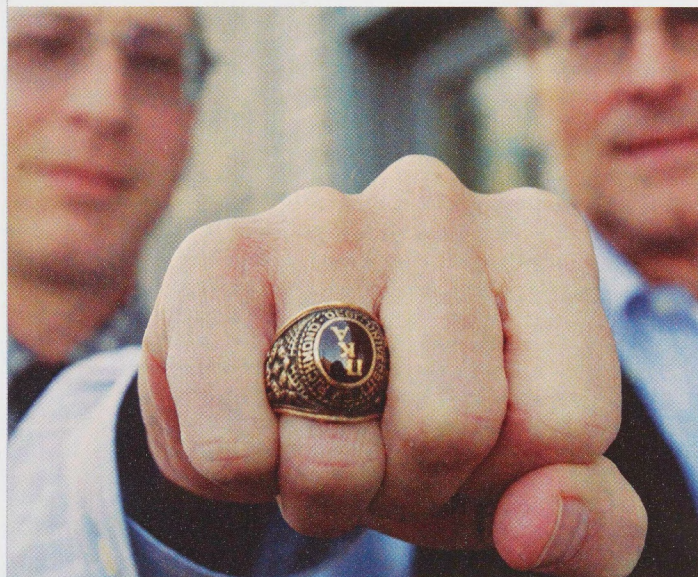
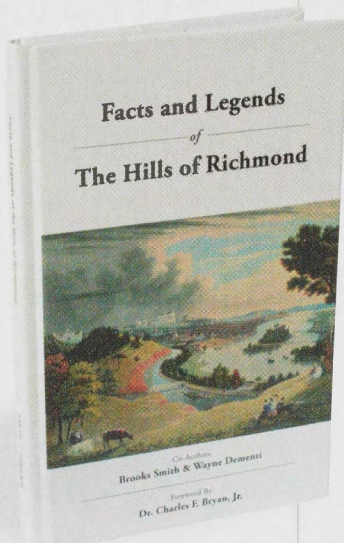
BOOKS

Facts and Legends of the Hills of Richmond

Richmond's history, landmarks, and people come to life in *Facts and Legends of the Hills of Richmond*, a new book by Brooks Smith, R'92, and Wayne Dementi, B'66.

The book, which is being published by Dementi Milestone Publishing, features essays from Brook's commentary series, "Rediscovering Richmond," on WCVE, central Virginia's public radio station. Recent and vintage photographs contributed by members of the Dementi family appear throughout the book along with an "adventure map" of the city.

Wayne Dementi, B'66, and Brooks Smith, R'92, tell Richmond's stories.



Rob Lippman (left) found the UR ring that Rocky Rochester, R'71, lost 36 years ago.

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Facts and Legends of the Hills of Richmond includes a foreword by Dr. Charles Bryan, president and CEO of the Virginia Historical Society, a preface by Wayne Farrar, news director of WCVE, and an endorsement by Tom Silvestri, president and publisher of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. The authors are donating proceeds from the sale of the book to WCVE.

More alumni books

Strategic Management: Thought and Action. Dr. Siri Terjesen, '97, Anne Sigismund Huff, Steven Floyd, and Hugh Sherman. Their textbook helps prepare undergraduate business majors and M.B.A. students for careers in management.

Under the Clock: The Story of Miller & Rhoads. Earle

Dunford, R'48, and George Bryson. The authors reminisce about the department store that charmed generations of Richmonders from 1885 to 1990.

CONNECT

Class ring appears after 36 years

One year after graduation, Robert "Rocky" Rochester, R'71, was struggling to find a job. He was going door to door in Carytown with little success when frustration overcame him, and he threw down his resumes on Sheppard Street. His class ring flew off his hand, and he could not find it no matter how long he searched. It seemed to just disappear forever.

Thirty-six years later, Rochester received a phone

call from Rob Lippman, a stranger to Rochester who came across a 1971 UR ring with the engraved initials ROR while jogging in Carytown. Kathe Edmonds in the alumni office had put Lippman in touch with the ring's owner.

"When I heard the ring had been found, it brought back so many good thoughts of school and of a time in my life I hadn't thought about for years," Rochester told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Out of gratitude, Rochester offered to make a donation to a charity of Lippman's choice. He chose the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

SPORTS

Casey retires from professional baseball

Sean Casey, '95, retired from Major League Baseball in January and joined MLB Network as a sports analyst and commentator.

A three-time all-star first baseman and designated hitter, Casey ended a 12-year career that started in Cleveland and concluded in Boston. He played for eight years in Cincinnati, where he became widely known as "the nicest guy in baseball."

At the plate, however, Casey was not so nice to opposing teams. He hit .302, blasted 130 homers, and knocked in 735 runs. He

played in the 2006 World Series for Detroit, batting above .500 with two home runs in the Tigers' loss to St. Louis.

"I'm moving on to a new stage of my life," Casey said of his career change. "MLB Network really gave me an opportunity to stay in the game and be able to spend more time with my family. That's the big thing for me."

To learn more about "the nicest guy in baseball," read his profile in the spring 2008 issue of the alumni magazine at magazine.richmond.edu/archives.

Alumnae dominate regional 5K race

Josephine "Jo" White Menk, W'87, and Deborah Snagg, W'81, finished first and second in the Women's Master 5K race at the Footlocker South Regional Cross Country Championships in Charlotte, N.C., in November.

Menk won the race in 18:39. Both runners are members of the UR Athletics Hall of Fame, and both were all-Americans at Richmond.

They knew each other before the race through their involvement in high school track. Menk's son runs for Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Va., and Snagg is an assistant coach for the track and cross country teams at the Maggie Walker Governor's School in Richmond.



Connect with classmates

Reunion Weekend

March 27–29, 2009

If your class year ends in 4 or 9, make a special effort to reconnect with your classmates on campus in March.

Homecoming 2009

Nov. 6–8, 2009

This year's homecoming will feature a pre-game picnic, football, departmental open houses, a zero-year reunion for the Class of 2009, and a young grad reunion for classes 2000–09.

Regional Events

Year-Round

For information about alumni chapter events in your area, visit UROnline.net and click on "Regional Alumni Chapters," or call the alumni office.

UROnline.net

Anytime

This password-protected Web site connects alumni to the University and each other. UROnline.net carries the latest news from the University of Richmond Alumni Association, and it allows members to search an online alumni directory. It also provides online registration for alumni events, career networking features, and permanent e-mail forwarding.

Contact Information

For more information about alumni events—including regional events—visit UROnline.net or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8026 or (800) 480-4774, option 8, or alumnioffice@richmond.edu.



CLASS CONNECTIONS

Submissions

Let us know how you are doing. Send information to alumni@richmond.edu, fax it to (804) 287-1221 or mail it to: Class Connections, Alumni Relations Office, Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond, VA 23173

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The magazine uses W, B, C, or R to designate the school of alumni through 1992. For graduates of 1993 and beyond, only the class year is used. We continue to use abbreviations for alumni with law, graduate, or honorary degrees regardless of their year of graduation.

Key

- B** Robins School of Business
- C** School of Continuing Studies
- G** Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- GC** Graduate School of Continuing Studies
- GB** Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of Business
- H** Honorary Degree
- L** School of Law
- R** Richmond College
- W** Westhampton College

CLASS OF '41

Having heard from none of you, I phoned a few classmates in November. **Margaret Brittingham Lovig** is happy at her retirement home in Santa Barbara, which is near her family. Recent forest fires were at the other end of town.

Toni Wirth Whittet was on her annual respite with family at the North Carolina shore.

Mayme O'Flaherty Stone is living courageously with diminished eyesight, which cuts down on her activities.

Mary Buxton Smith is full of life at Lakewood Manor and still teaches violin to a few students.

Helen Martin Laughon and her daughter, Nell, have their shop next door to their home and report their business of cutting silhouettes is thriving, especially since the 400th anniversary events in Jamestown.

Peter Wrenn, brother of **Margaret Forrer Darling**, keeps in touch and recently reported that she is doing well in New Jersey.

The Westhampton Center, the expanded facility that will incorporate the Deanery as we knew it, is under construction and is scheduled for completion in fall 2010. It's an exciting project and will provide more space for Westhampton College students to learn and grow.

I am doing well and can't believe I have lived to love three great-grandchildren!

Please give me your news by May 25 for the fall issue.

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CLASS OF '42

It was pleasant to talk to **Sara Goode Arendall**. She and her husband, **Edgar M. Arendall, R'41**, are doing well in Birmingham, with most of their family nearby. They have eight great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Quinn Keeling enjoys working on her computer and family history. The Civil War diary and photo that belonged to one of her husband's relatives have greatly interested her granddaughter as well as a professor.

Ada Moss Harlow is keeping busy and is healthier than most people I know. She told me of a memorable

day she had making a grand tour of the beautiful UR campus.

After several months in the hospital, **Lucy Burke Allen Meyer** is now at Morningside of Bellgrade in Midlothian, Va., recovering from a stroke. This news came from **Ann Pavey Garrett**. She and her husband, Karl, spent some time in Roanoke helping to care for their daughter after serious surgery.

In spite of her complete hearing loss, **Hortense Winston Ruddick** continues to play the piano to entertain the other residents at Beth Shalom. Her family and friends communicate with her via the writing tablet she carries everywhere.

I'm eager for any news you have. Please note my new e-mail address below.

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CLASS OF '43

Pamela Carpenter Henry, W, lives in Barnesville, Ga., where she is in good health and enjoys playing the piano at her church. She has four sons and five daughters, 33 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Her husband, George, passed away in 1992. Two years ago she enjoyed a trip to Virginia, where she visited her hometown of Norfolk and had dinner with **Jeanice Johnson Roberts, W**, at her home in Williamsburg.

CLASS OF '44

Reunion Reminder
March 27-29, 2009

To register for your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

By the time you read this, you will have received a lot of information about our 65-year reunion the last weekend in March. I hope you have packed your bags! I went to Richmond in November to help plan for our reunion. After a delightful night with **Billy Jane Crosby Baker** at Cedarfield, she steered me to the campus for our meeting in the beautiful Jepson Alumni Center. **Ann Burcher Stansbury** and **Warren A. Stansbury, R**, drove up from Williamsburg, and **Helen Curtis Patrick** also came. As we talked and

tossed out ideas, I felt proud to be part of UR for the growth and progress it has made since we were there. There are many opportunities that we can enjoy while on campus, whether it is a yoga class, jazz and dancing after the Boatwright Society dinner, or Friday's Alumni College, where we can attend as many as three sessions. Saturday we will have the opportunity to hear University updates. This will include changes that have taken place in WC traditions and the reasons behind the changes. Of course, the best part will be seeing old friends and sharing memories of our times together at WC and news of our families, etc.

For our class get-together Saturday night, we can use the UR hospital-ity room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There is a memorial service in Cannon Chapel on Sunday morning. All this is too good to miss!

Helen Curtis Patrick had a knee replacement and is going as strong as ever. She reported that **Dot Ihnken** is doing well and went to the state fair on a walker. **Molly Warner Stephenson** and Jim downsized and are settled in their new retirement home in Largo, Fla. I enjoyed a trip to Savannah and Charleston, visiting historic homes and eating good Southern food.

Looking forward to seeing you!
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CLASS OF '46

I had a call from **Frances Anne Beale Goode**, who said she had attended a lecture at the Shepherd Center by Wayland Rennie, a sailing friend of mine, who spoke about the history of Ginter Park in Richmond. Several of us lived in that neighborhood and knew Wayland. Frances also told me that her grandson, Robert Drewry, is a first-year student at UR.

I had numerous visitors this fall, including my son and his wife, who live in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. They have been missionaries there for 18 years and have traveled extensively in South America. My granddaughter, Melissa, came from Berkeley, Calif., in November with her friend, who ran the Richmond marathon. We went to Richmond to cheer him on and traveled all over the city avoiding the

closed streets to get to locations where we could watch his progress. He finished 14th. Melissa is working toward a Ph.D. in physical chemistry.

I am hopeful of hearing from you soon. Otherwise, my communications may be limited to a chronicle of life in Virginia Beach, which is extremely pleasant by the way.

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CLASS OF '48

Frances Orrell Lineberry announced the birth of a second great-grandchild in July.

Jane Belk Moncure continues her volunteer work with hospice and helping her church's Burmese refugee family, including tutoring the two children in English. She says their faith has given her greater faith.

Sarah Brenner Rubin reports that she and Milton are great-grandparents as of last March. Their two youngest grandchildren are in college.

Doris Moore Shea continues to be busy at The Chesapeake, a retirement community in Newport News. She tries to keep up with others in our class, including **Betty Hickerson Butterworth** and **Millicent Hutcherson Taylor**. Millicent is preparing for a part in a play.

Elizabeth Koltukian Cowles stays busy with church activities, and she enjoys gathering with her neighbors on a friend's front porch to visit and reminisce.

Suzanne Lovern Peeler misses hearing from so many classmates as she did when she was our class secretary. She and her family had a great summer visiting each other. She is active in Bible study and a book group. She sends her love to all.

Judith Barnett Seelhorst was busy last fall canning 48 quarts of apples! One of her clubs helps decorate a Kentucky state park lodge every Christmas, and she dressed dolls in silk kimonos for their Japanese tree. One of her family members is now a first-year student at Westhampton, which makes her very proud.

Margaret S. Brizendine and her husband, Chuck, spent a wonderful summer with his children in the Finger Lakes area of New York. They also had a great trip to Belize, where



A storied career

Joy Winstead, W'55

Displaying the brash confidence of a Westhampton College senior seeking her first job, Joy Winstead told the interviewer at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* that she would keep looking for opportunities to cover hard news if the local daily hired her to write only women's features.

She did not hear back from the newspaper for several months, but a call from her mentor and news writing instructor, Joe Nettles, saved the day. She started at the *Times-Dispatch* soon after graduation.

Working from the Warsaw, Va., bureau, Winstead filed stories via Teletype and shipped rolls of film to Richmond on Greyhound buses. "I made \$47 a week, plus mileage," she recalls. "The mileage reimbursement was more than the salary."

That marked the beginning of a career that would include an interview with former Sen. John Warner and his then-wife Elizabeth Taylor as well as a first-person account of the Cuban missile crisis.

Returning to Richmond, she reported for *The Richmond News Leader* for five years, winning a Virginia Press Association award in 1977 for a three-part feature on gays and lesbians who became parents with heterosexual spouses before returning to their homosexual lifestyles.

"It made quite a stir," Winstead recalls. "In fact, I never thought it would ever see the light of print." Between 1981 and 1991, she first edited the Sunday Arts & Entertainment section of the *Times-Dispatch* and later switched to the fashion beat.

Winstead credits her professional success to her parents, Nettles, Dr. Spencer Albright, professor of political science, and Westhampton registrar and math instructor Catherine Bell. "My mentors had confidence in me even when I didn't believe in myself," she says.

Her greatest challenges, however, came during her "other career," the 13 years she stayed home to raise two children. "Being a mother is the most challenging job of all," she insists. "I can't stand it when I hear a woman say, 'I'm just a housewife.'"

—Betty M. van Iersel

his children have a retirement home. While there, they went to a rainforest retreat near the Guatemalan border.

Our sympathy goes to **Jackie Pitt Sutfenfield** in the death of her brother, **Malcolm U. "Buck" Pitt Jr., R'42**.

He was a legend in his own time as was his father, **Malcolm U. "Mac" Pitt Sr., R'18**. Buck's wife, Betty, and Jackie are in our thoughts and prayers.

Faye Hines Kilpatrick has been busy with efforts to put Foxwood under easement to save from urban sprawl. During homecoming, she talked with **Jean Brumsey Biscoe**, who had two Richmond College classmates as houseguests. Judge **Reid M. Spencer, R** and **L'51**, and Capt. **William C. Magee, R**, were in town for the Navy V-12 reunion at Jepson Alumni Center.

Frances Stuart Bailey and **Rolen C. Bailey, R'49**, enjoyed an October visit to Myrtle Beach with their daughter and son-in-law. They also traveled to Roanoke to attend a meeting of the Virginia Baptist General Association. Frances visited **Mary Jane Spivey Snead** at the Westport Health Care Center in Richmond, where Mary Jane is doing well and enjoying the activities. Frances also spoke with **Betty Hickerson Butterworth**, who was recovering from a broken leg.

Frances had a long e-mail from **Dwight H. Anderson, R**. He reported that after graduation he attended Andover Newton Theological School in Boston, where he met his wife, Marguerite. He served as a pastor for several years before earning another master's degree and teaching high school for 14 years. He went on to serve as chaplain for the University of Michigan Hospital, before retiring in the 1980s. He and Marguerite live in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he teaches Sunday school and does volunteer work.

Please send us some news for the fall issue by May 1.

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CLASS CONNECTIONS

CLASS OF '49

Reunion Reminder
March 27–29, 2009

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The important news for our class comes from **Mildred "Mimi" Anderson Gill**, chairman of the reunion committee, which is composed of **Betty Ann Allen Dillon, G, Jean Harper Hamlett, Betty Evans Hopkins, and Frances "Frankie" Robison King**. They have planned a continental breakfast for our class on Saturday in the Bottomley House, along with special seating on Westhampton Green for lunch. Evening events include dinner in the Quigg Room at the Jepson Alumni Center, preceded by Dan Roberts at the piano and a special conversation with President Ayers in the living room of the Bottomley House. Mimi encourages you to attend the Boatwright Society dinner on Friday and to be seated with our class.

Mimi also attended the Richmond vs. William and Mary football game in Williamsburg, her 64th game since 1944. She also attended the cornerstone ceremony for Westhampton Center in October. President Ayers was there and a chorus of Westhampton students sang the Westhampton song. Westhampton Center, which will include the Deanery, will be a meeting place for alumnae and students.

Joyce Roberson Goforth serves as Eucharistic lay minister for her church and as incoming president of her Eastern Star chapter. She also chairs her class reunion at Lynchburg College. Joyce has a granddaughter who is a freshman in high school and a highly ranked tennis player. Joyce stays in touch with **Anne Bing Abbott** and **Jane Dens McManigal**.

Jean Harper Hamlett spent Thanksgiving in Roanoke with her daughter.

Betty Ann Allen Dillon and I attended the winter meeting of the Richmond Association of Phi Beta Kappa at Randolph-Macon College in November.

Elizabeth "Beth" Wilburn Hooker called to say that **Catherine "Kitty" Wyatt Townes** lost her sister on Oct. 1, 2008. Kitty is not well, and we extend our sympathy to her.

Beth also told me about a pleasant encounter recently with **Ann E. Morano** and of a trip to Mexico made by **Audrey Bradford Saupe**.

Barbara "Bobbie" Rhodes Barker has resumed some of her dance classes after a hip replacement in July. This spring she will dance in her 20th recital—just "one more show," she says. She also took a cruise to the Caribbean with her daughter, granddaughter, and a friend.

I received a note from **Gilda "Randy" Mann Ellis** who had attended a memorial service for **Suzanna Huff Schulenburg, W'50**, held on Fisher's Island, N.Y. Randy says she is well and plans to attend our reunion. I hope many of you will be there!

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Did you know?
Dr. Peter Smallwood, associate professor of biology, is working in Afghanistan with the Wildlife Conservation Society. Read more about Smallwood on page 2.

CLASS OF '50

Greetings to all! I hope you are well and happy, and I also hope you will continue to share your news.

Helen Lampthakis Kostyal is proud of the accomplishments of her daughter, Karen (our baby cup girl), and her grandson, Brandon. Karen is a former senior editor with *National Geographic Magazine* and has continued to write for that and other publications. She has completed a book, *Abraham Lincoln's Extraordinary Era*, and is working on a number of other books, including one about the "lost girls" of Sudan and a children's book about Williamsburg. Helen reiterates her grandson's belief that his career as an opera singer was inspired by his experiences years ago at the Governor's School for Performing Arts at the University of Richmond. His career includes solo recitals and performances with various opera companies

including our own Virginia Opera.

Marjorie Parson Owen continues to be active in local events and is a loyal follower, along with other family members, of the University's football and basketball teams.

In September Les and I joined his nephew, **Clifford B. Duty, R'69**, and his wife, Anne, on a cruise to Canada and New England to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Our daughter, **Mary-Leslie Duty, L'88**, and her husband, Michael Emmons, celebrated their 13th anniversary on this voyage, which, incidentally, marked the 50th anniversary for Les and me. We all enjoyed the experience.

On Nov. 15, **Helen Lampthakis Kostyal** and Dick came to Richmond and were joined for lunch by **Margaret Alexander Anderson, Barbara White Balderson, and Doris Balderson Burbank, G'77**, and Banny.

Since my last letter, I have been

I hope you will continue to send word of your activities, although we do seem to operate on a serious time delay. Nevertheless, even old news is welcome among friends.

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CLASS OF '51

I had a wonderful letter from **Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Luke**, with all of her news since our college days. After working as an office manager for a doctor in Mississippi and as a stock broker in Baltimore, she moved to Boston to attend the School of Social Work at Simmons College. After earning a master's degree, she established a program at St. Ann's Home and School to counsel parents and conduct play therapy for children. She later went into private practice in Andover, Mass., with a child psychologist and another social worker. Although she is supposedly retired, Betty still sees a few clients. Betty has kept in touch with her college roommate, **Martha A. Carpenter**. She is especially grateful to Martha for her watchful eye when Betty's sister was hospitalized in Charlottesville before her death last June. We are sorry to hear of your loss, Betty.

Norma Streever Craig and Norm enjoyed a fall getaway to Chincoteague. They stayed at a lovely bed and breakfast and saw many elk, deer, and geese.

Jean Love Hanson and Chuck moved to Westminster Canterbury in November. They enjoyed a visit with their daughter, Page.

Frances Allen Schools reports that her son, David, was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in September.

Maryglyn Cooper McGraw and **Walter J. McGraw, R'50**, sold their home at the river and will be living full-time at Westminster Canterbury.

Bobbie Brown Yagel and **Myron M. Yagel, R'50**, had a follow-the-water vacation, traveling to Hilton Head, Tangier Island, Topsail, and Myrtle Beach, where their stay was interrupted by a hurricane.

Pat Smith Kelley vacationed at The Homestead and then at Disney World with some of Page's family.

Libba Eanes Baskerville had some sad news to report. Anne Bagley

elected secretary of the Hathaway Association board and chair of the personnel committee. Life here is wonderful!

On a sad note, **Janice Brandenburg Halloran** called with the news that Bob Wilson, husband of **Libbie Rowse Wilson**, died on Sept. 17, 2008.

In addition, **Charlotte Westervelt Bispham** wrote that Countess Suzanna Jessica von Schulenburg, known to us as **Suzanna "Sue" Huff**, died on Aug. 19, 2008. Her funeral was held in Klosters, Switzerland. Charlotte and **Gilda "Randy" Mann Ellis, W'49**, were the two Westhampton College attendees at her memorial service on Oct. 18 in Union Chapel of Fishers Island, N.Y. Our deepest sympathy goes to Libbie and her family as well as to Sue's four children.

As I write this, the holidays are fast approaching, but you will not be reading it until the spring issue.

Survello, daughter of **Suzanne Holt Bagley**, passed away in September. Suzanne, we are so sorry for your loss. Libba also told me of the death of Eugene D. "Crit" Crittenden, husband of **Ann Rogers Crittenden**, who passed away after a succession of illnesses. Our thoughts are with you, Ann.

Libba also shared some good news. Her granddaughter was married in November, which was a happy time for her. Libba also reported that **Betty Tredway Blake** has recovered from breast cancer.

Bob and I had a wonderful trip to England in September. We spent a week in the Midlands visiting Bob's family, followed by a week at Eastbourne on the English Channel. We enjoyed the beautiful weather, palm trees, Caribbean-blue water, and the white cliffs of Eastbourne.

Thanks to Rigg and Libba for helping with this news.

Westhampton Class Secretary

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Albert C. "Al" Pittman, R, and **Julia Wann Pittman, W'50**, moved from coastal North Carolina to a retirement village in Gaithersburg, Md. Their youngest son, who works at the Smithsonian, lives nearby. Al is a retired Episcopal priest who served parishes in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Maryland.

CLASS OF '52

I heard from **Jackie Vaughan**

Rorrrer, who was not included on our original Class of '52 list. She lives in Fredericksburg, Va., and will join **Addie Eicks Comegys'** group. Jackie, we are glad to catch up with you!

Isabel Sanford Rankin and **Hugh Riley Rankin, R**, traveled to Ireland while daughter Ann and her family were living there. Ann and her family are back in Richmond now, and Isabel and Hugh enjoy attending granddaughter Katherine's dance recitals.

Son Charles and his wife and two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, also live in Richmond. Last summer Isabel and Hugh traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., for son Hugh's wedding. His four children and the bride's three children all participated. Daughter Sarah and her husband and sons, Taylor and Charlie, live in Virginia Beach. Sarah is a "soccer mom" and ESL teacher. Isabel and Hugh are active members

of Grace Baptist Church, where **Betty A. Pugh, W'86**, is the pastor.

Addie Eicks Comegys, our class archivist, forwarded a letter from Isabel regarding the Class of '52 history: "You may not be aware that Orchesis was founded in 1949, directed by Frances Wessels. For May Day 1952, the *Nutcracker* was produced. I was the Nutcracker—how could I forget that! If I can find my ballet slippers, I'll send them to you for the archives. Frances Wessels is 88, still teaching dance at VCU, and has donated a leotard to accompany the ballet slippers for the Class of '52 archives!"

Eleanor Lee Persons Hays and **Robert W. "Bob" Hays, R'49**, enjoyed a 10-day cruise in the southern Caribbean. One of their favorite spots was Half Moon Cay, Holland America's private island and nature preserve.

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CLASS OF '54

Reunion Reminder

March 27–29, 2009

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By the time you read this column, we will be days away from our 55-year reunion. Our 50-year reunion was a great success, and I am predicting the same for our get-together in March.

I don't know who will be the class secretary for the next five years, but I want you to know I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing from each one of you during my time in this role. Many thanks for your help and input.

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CLASS OF '55

A pumpkin pie should be baking in the oven for Thanksgiving dinner, but our class news is due to the editor for the spring alumni magazine! I am not complaining because hearing from classmates also brings cause for rejoicing.

A letter from **Cameron Freeman Napier** reports on her historical preservation efforts. She oversaw a

year-long interior renovation of the first White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery, Ala. Exterior renovations will soon begin for the Civil War sesquicentennial in 2011. Cammie and her husband are also working to save the *Delta Queen*, America's last passenger steamboat.

Joy Winstead was one of two alumnae asked to speak at the cornerstone celebration for Westhampton Center during homecoming in October. In her remarks, Joy called the occasion a "milestone in Westhampton's history" that marked a "fresh emphasis on the University of Richmond's coordinate system." She described the campus of the 1950s and told anecdotes about faculty members, including Westhampton's registrar, Catherine Bell.

Joy's "rat sister," **Mary Lu Gilbert Dorsey, W'54**, attended the celebration, as did **Jackie Kilby Brooks**. Hopefully, Westhampton Center will be complete in time for our class reunion in 2010.

On Sept. 18, 2008, Richmond-area members of the Class of 1955 met for lunch and conversation at Bottega Bistro. I was there, along with **Jean Crittenden Kaufmann**, **Shirlee Garrett Maxson**, **Ruth Gouldin Kelley**, **Nancy Johnson White**, **Jackie Kilby Brooks**, **Alice McCarty Haggerty**, **Emily Menefee Johnston**, **Betty Jean Parrish Knott, G'65**, **Grace Phillips Webb**, **Sue Smith Van Wickler**, **Barbara Turner Willis**, **Burrell Williams Stultz**, and **Joy Winstead**. With so many grandmothers present, you can imagine the main topic of discussion!

In October **Myra Embrey Wormald** and her husband attended family weekend at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., where their grandson is a freshman. While in California, they hiked in a canyon and visited the Reagan Library. On Nov. 8, Myra and Bob celebrated their 50th anniversary at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. All of the children and grandchildren were there to enjoy this special celebration. Slides from Myra and Bob's honeymoon and a wedding cake that was a replica of the original added special remembrances. A book of photos and letters from each child and grandchild was the most precious gift.

Marty Glenn Taylor had an essay published in the September/October issue of *Pleasant Living Magazine*. She shared her thoughts about the impact

of water on the village of Morattico, Va.

Peggy Hall Flippen and **Edward A. "Ed" Flippen, R'56**, enjoyed an August trip to Pennsylvania to visit cousins and friends from high school. They attended the Allentown Fair and took two trips to Lancaster.

Alice McCarty Haggerty traveled to Pennsylvania to celebrate her godson's birthday and to visit **Ginnie Swain Saunders** and family. Spencer Saunders is the oldest of Ginnie and Ashby's three children. His 50th birthday was a combined birthday/Halloween party with great costumes and food. The affair was in a barn that will be turned into a residence for Spencer and his family. This self-proclaimed "barnologist" built his parents' home around the framework of an old barn.

Emily Menefee Johnston, along with husband Bill and their son, **William B. "Burt" Johnston, R'81**, attended Bill's 390th Bomb Group Reunion in San Antonio, Texas. With five grandchildren, Emily is happy to now have one living in Richmond.

Ruth Owen Batt and two of her sisters enjoyed a tour of Great Britain and Ireland. They try to travel together each year.

In October **Janet Pace Burbage** and her husband spent two weeks in the Florida Keys in their motor home. They had plans to be in North Carolina with family for Christmas, and they plan to attend our 2010 reunion.

Also in October, **Ann Pettit Getts** traveled from New Hampshire to Fredericksburg, Va., to attend the wedding of a grandchild. She also made a visit to the UR campus, which always takes on added beauty with the fall foliage.

Grace Phillips Webb is working with the Bon Air Historical Society on an essay and art contest for students at seven elementary schools. Grace and her husband, Newton, and **Joy Winstead** went on a bus tour with the Richmond Chapter of the U.S. Navy League to the Norfolk and Portsmouth container terminals. They found it interesting to see how the container boxes are loaded and unloaded for shipping around the world. Your secretary claims bragging rights to having a son involved in the planning of the wetlands mitigation when the Portsmouth terminal was recently enlarged.

Joy and **Alice McCarty Haggerty** planned to travel with the Navy



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League on a bus trip to Norfolk for the Jan. 10, 2009, launching of the carrier *USS George H. W. Bush*.

By chance, I saw Joy and Alice at the Library of Virginia for a book signing with the authors of *Under the Clock*, which is a history of the Miller and Rhoads department store. We all have fond memories of riding the bus from campus to shop or to dine in the tearoom there. Do you remember Eddie Weaver playing the organ as you ate? The book contains a photograph of **Jodie Weaver Yuhase** performing with her father. This was one of Alice's days to volunteer at the library. She also volunteered at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

As this last paragraph was being typed, a phone call came from **Polly Bundick Dize**. We planned a date for our 30th annual Christmas celebration in Portsmouth with **Virginia "Sunshine" Murden**.

With the volatility of the economy, remember that educating a student is a wise investment. Your donations to our alma mater may be earmarked for the Westhampton College Class of 1955 George M. Modlin Scholarship for the Arts.

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CLASS OF '56

Neither of us received news from any of you after the last class notes were submitted in September, but I do have a little news. **Pat McElroy Smith** had a wonderful trip with Elderhostel. She flew to St. Louis and the group then followed the Lewis and Clark exploration route to the Pacific Ocean.

I went to Atlanta in September to spend a week with my Westhampton roommate, **Gwen Haley Gregory**. In November Gwen and I, along with two of her friends, spent two days in Charleston, S.C., and departed from there on a week's cruise to the Bahamas. It was great fun, even though the weather at sea was cold, windy, and rough. Never played so much bridge in my life!

Please send us news of what's happening in your life.

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CLASS OF '57

Lucy Burnett Garmon, G'60, sent a postcard that shows her crossing the finish line in the 10K Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta on July 4, 2008. While it appears that she came in first, she admits that she came in about 40,000th among 55,000 runners. Lucy also wrote that she and her husband, **Gerald M. "Jerry" Garmon, R'56**, planned to join granddaughter Morgen Stevens-Garmon in New York in November for a Smithsonian Journeys tour called "Backstage on Broadway." Morgen recently completed a master's degree in theater history at Hunter College in New York.

Did you know?

Two magazines and *USA Today* have ranked UR as a top value in the nation for quality and affordability. Read more about the rankings on page 3.

Katherine "Kakie" Parr Jenkins wrote that she and her granddaughter, **Aly**, are both attending a different school this year. **Aly** is in a special education class and **Kakie** volunteers in the office, library, and copy room. They are both handling the five-days-a-week schedule just fine. **Kakie's** grandson, **Tracy**, is a freshman at William and Mary and a bagpipe player.

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Helen Melton Vandermark** on Oct. 8, 2008. **Grace Bloxson Cofer** saw the obituary in the local paper, which is available at dailypress.com. Helen was a member of three quilting guilds and Williamsburg United Methodist Church.

Barbara Goodman Harding started a new job last May, working for Doyme Burger Davis funeral home. Not a typical choice for her, she said, but the owner called and asked her to take the job. Barbara says it is not a busy job but has its interesting moments.

Lee Feild Griffiths is hosting an AFS foreign exchange student until

June 2009. She writes that **Chris** is a delightful 17-year-old from Germany. He has gotten involved in activities, and as the surrogate mother of a high school student, **Lee** is working with other mothers who went to school with her own kids years ago.

Aimee Lee Raveling Cheek and William "Petey" Cheek, G, have settled into their second home in Albuquerque, N.M., near their daughter and her family.

Carolyn Naumann Robertson is thrilled that her daughter, **Carol Elizabeth**, has returned to the United States after living for several years in Australia.

Lovey Jane Long wrote that she heard from **Kathryn "Kitty" Alford Connor**. **Kitty** and her husband, **Gale Connor, R'56**, have moved to Cockeysville, Md., to be near their granddaughter, **Nicolle**, who is very ill.

Lovey Jane has been working with

many memories. She was proud that our class contributed to this cause for our reunion gift, and she is happy that the building is under construction and scheduled to open in 2010.

On Nov. 2, 2008, I attended a brunch reception for **Dr. Ayers** in Greenwich, Conn. There were just two tables of alumni from Connecticut and New York, and **Dr. Ayers** made it a point to talk with everyone present. He has high expectations for students. In the Monday evening freshman course that **Dr. Ayers** is teaching, he requires students to read a book a week and to write a paper a week. When asked about the effect of the current economic situation on the University, he said that **UR** had not experienced the same loss of funds as many public universities.

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Suzanne Stutts Hicks, W, founded the Arkansas Down Syndrome Association in 2004, which provides resources for parents of adults with Down Syndrome. She and her husband, **David Hicks, B'58**, live in Little Rock, Ark. They have six children, including daughter **Cathy Hicks McLaughlin, W'86**.

CLASS OF '58

Sarah Ashburn Holder had cataract surgery on both eyes and needs glasses only for reading. She is seeing that the world has colors more beautiful than she thought and says it is a blessing.

Connie Booker Moe has been attending **UR** football games, which has been lots of fun this year. It's always good to watch a winning team! (Secretary's note: I've also been watching some **UR** football games on cable. It's been great to cheer on our winning team!)

Suzanne "Susie" Prillaman Wiltshire attended the cornerstone ceremony for the new Westhampton Center. She teaches French at the Shepherd's Center.

Dawn "Tomi" Irvine Freese and her husband spent three weeks enjoying the fall colors in Afton, Va., before returning to their home in Florida.

After vacationing for a week in Southern California, **Carol Brie Williams** got out just in time before

the concert committee at her church, **Grace Episcopal** in Kilmarnock. The Doctors of Jazz, a group based at **UR**, will open the church's 2009 series. Alumni in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula will remember the group as The Academy of St. Boatwright on the Lake. Many years ago they played for festive alumni gatherings at the Irvington home of **William B. "Billy" Graham, R'43**, and **Mary Alderson Graham, W'44**. Anyone who wants to hear great music at this concert in June can call **Lovey Jane** at (804) 438-6145 for more information.

The cornerstone celebration for Westhampton Center was held Oct. 23, 2008. Among those attending were **Jacqueline "Jackie" Randlette Tucker, Walter D. Tucker, B'53**, **Carolyn Naumann Robertson**, and her husband, **Jim**. **Jackie** and **Carolyn** especially enjoyed the music and stories about life at Westhampton over the decades. **Jackie** said the presentation of the daisy chain brought back

the fire reached the road she had used. She said it was difficult to take in all the devastation, and it was so quick. The new house Carol is building in Baja, Calif., is coming along well.

Carolyn Moss Hartz and Ransone Hartz, R, enjoyed a three-week trip to New Zealand and Australia. They had a big surprise on the second day when they were on the ship in New Zealand and looked up to see **Margaret Williams Ketner** and Bruce. They did not expect to meet in such a far corner of the world. Carolyn says she and Ransone loved seeing them and also enjoyed the trip.

Rebecca "Becky" Branch Faulconer represented UR at Central Kentucky College Night, along with **Lee Rosenthal, '99**. The University sent them 75 pounds of information, and by the end of the evening, they had talked with 150 prospective students and given away all the materials. Becky teaches art education at Asbury College, where she loves interacting with the students. She paints at home.

Dorothy "Dottie" Goodman Lewis, Nancy Goodwyn Hill, and Jean Hudgins Frederick were among the Class of '58 members who attended the cornerstone ceremony for the new Westhampton Center. Jean said everyone who attended received an "I Love Westhampton" badge. She thinks it is wonderful that Westhampton is being promoted once again. Dottie said the daisy chain was chosen as an enduring symbol of Westhampton. She said the ceremony was well done. Dottie stayed with **Suzanne Kidd Bunting**. Dottie is still working with congregational libraries, and she set up a display for the Virginia Baptist Library Association at the General Association meeting in Roanoke in November.

Jean Hudgins Frederick had lunch with **Jean Anderson Farmer, Gail Carper Russell, and Nancy Prickett Yarbrough**. They were suitemates in South Court their junior year.

Nancy Goodwyn Hill spent time in Italy last fall visiting a friend with whom she spent the summer of 1957. She was near Milan in the village of Vizzolo Predabissi. Nancy said it was great to be with her old friend and her family. She enjoyed experiencing life in her friend's home and in the town where they live, hearing the language, and eating the delicious food.

My husband, **Robert G. "Bob" Padgett, B'60**, and I were in northern Italy the same time as Nancy. We had

a grand time sightseeing in Venice and visiting Burano Island. On our way to Venice, we took a train tour of Europe through the Swiss Alps, enjoying the stunning scenery in Switzerland and Italy. We traveled on "fast trains" from London to Paris and from Paris to Geneva. We recommend this trip to everyone who enjoys "riding the rails" and taking water taxis!

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CLASS OF '59

Reunion Reminder March 27-29, 2009

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Barbara Dulin Polis is feeling pretty good with her new knees, and she had more than 30 tennis ladies for her annual tennis get-together. She is driving again and looking forward to our 50-year reunion.

In October **Sylvia "Sibby" Haddock Young and Paige A. Young, R**, spent a beautiful weekend at Big Meadows in the Shenandoah National Park. Friends **Norma and James L. Gore, R'60**, joined them. In December they went on a Caribbean cruise with a group from the Fredericksburg area, many of them UR graduates.

Also in October, **Mary Trew Biddlecomb Lindquist** and husband Jerry visited their son, Jeff, and his family in Albany, Ga. They miss having them in Virginia, but retirement affords them time to visit several times a year. In June they met them in Hilton Head for a vacation.

Betty Beryl "BB" Harvey Strum wrote, "It was great fun to be with all the classmates who were at UR to help plan our 50th reunion. For those who came from out of town, you are so appreciated. What a wonderful contribution Miss Chapman made to our class scholarship fund. Big thank you from all '59ers!" Betty went to her first grandparents' day at Trinity and saw many of her former Marymount students who have children there, plus their mothers whom she used to see on parent-teacher days. Her daughter, Betsy, again had a winning season with her U14 club team.

Last April **Jolien "Jo" Edwards Mierke and G. Edward "Ed" Mierke, R'60**, spent two weeks touring Italy. The scenery and the art were wonderful. The only negative was Ed being pick-pocketed from a deep front pocket, losing all his credit cards but one.

Beverly Brown Peace has slowed down a bit because of a neurological problem affecting her balance and stamina. She continues with church activities but otherwise stays close to home. She enjoyed a large family reunion on her husband's side over Thanksgiving.

Nancy Kipps "Kippy" Hughey and husband Ray took their first trip to Niagara Falls. They stayed on the Canadian side in a room overlooking the falls. They enjoyed the *Maid of the Mist* cruise and the tour under the falls. From there, they drove north into Canada, stopping for a couple of days in Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec. They found leaf color at its peak as they traveled north from Quebec to a place where the ferry crosses the St. Lawrence River. They drove home through the Adirondack and Catskill mountains. Their family was together at Thanksgiving at their daughter's home. Kippy is looking forward to our 50-year reunion.

Peggy Dulin Crews and family enjoyed a weekend at Ocean Reef Resort, about an hour from their home in Miami. They celebrated birthdays for husband Merrill (70th), granddaughter Callie (2nd), daughter-in-law Connie (40th), and daughter-in-law Evan (35th).

What a wonderful surprise to see **Sylvia Olney Kelley**, who attended our reunion meeting while visiting from Key West, Fla.

Owen Tyler was born April 11, 2008, in Shanghai to David and Jenn Haske, son and daughter-in-law of **Mary Ann Williams Haske**. The entire Haske clan met in Nags Head for a week this summer. Son Jim and wife Liz were forced to evacuate from Damascus, Syria, after troops crossed over the border and attacked civilians. They have returned to the United States.

My Thanksgiving was most enjoyable, as my daughter, Carol, and her husband, Bob, were here for a long weekend. As usual, my dog, Madison, my cat, Ned, and I spent Christmas with them in Hilton Head. In November, third-graders at the school

where I used to teach read a story about a visiting dog. Since Madison is a therapy dog, I was asked to bring him to school to visit the children and to tell them about therapy dogs. The children enjoyed seeing him, and he loved the attention.

I hope there will be more news in the next issue.

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CLASS OF '61

Polly Thompson Marshall, W, and **Robert G. Marshall, B**, moved back to Richmond to be close to their two daughters and five of their grandchildren. They travel frequently to Centreville, Va., to visit their two sons and two youngest grandchildren, ages 4 and 6.

CLASS OF '63

Our classmates like to travel. **Carolyn Anthony Powers** and Bill enjoyed a cruise and land trip to Alaska and the Yukon in June. **Peggy St. Clair Stevens** and **Daniel Stevens, R'62**, along with Peggy's sister, **Emelyn St. Clair Key, W'60**, and **Wayne Key, R'60**, enjoyed a similar trip in August.

Margaret Brower Almond and **Hilton R. Almond, R'61**, traveled to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam in 2007. The trip was especially meaningful to Hilton because he was stationed in Vietnam 40 years ago.

Archer Randlette Parkerson and **Terry M. Parkerson, GB'70**, went to Spain and Portugal last spring. Archer enjoyed putting her Spanish to use, especially while they were guests for lunch in a home where no English was spoken.

Our daughter, son-in-law, and son joined my husband, **James D. Davis, L'64**, and me for a trip to Berlin, Dresden, and Prague in November.

I want to hear from the rest of you. Next deadline is June 1.

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Rickey Davis, R, completed a 14-day bicycle tour of northern Michigan last summer, which was



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sponsored by the Bicycle Adventure Club. Over the past few years, he has biked more than 300,000 miles. He lives in Glen Allen, Va.

CLASS OF '64

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CLASS OF '67

Mary Beth Sheldon Berry, W, is an adjunct faculty member at the College of Charleston, where she teaches in the theatre department. Her husband, Sam, is a visiting professor of finance at the Citadel. Their children live in Montana, Richmond, and Boston.

CLASS OF '68

June Kathleen Costello, W, is semi-retired from teaching and technical writing. She lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, William Gibson, and enjoys visits with **Myra Bryant Wilkinson Jennings, W**, who lives nearby.

Donald K. Schmidt, R, retired from Colonial Heights Public Schools six years ago. He is employed part-time at the Valentine Richmond History Center, where he gives tours of historic Richmond sites. He also volunteers for Maymont, Henricus Historical Park, Appalachia Service Project, and Chester United Methodist Church.

CLASS OF '69

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Betty Jo Clark Anthony, W and L79, is a deputy commonwealth's attorney in Roanoke, Va. She also teaches at Hollins University and serves on the board of the University of Richmond Law School Alumni Association. She and her husband, **Joseph L. Anthony, R'68 and L75**, have two children, **Kathryn Anthony Brotherton, L'03**, and **Jon Anthony**, and two grandchildren.

Jerry W. Turner, R, and **Phyllis Rowland Turner, W**, have retired

and moved to the Woods Resort in Hedgesville, W.Va. Jerry continues to serve as pastor of Waterford Baptist Church in Waterford, Va.

CLASS OF '70

Celebrations continue for our folks turning 60. Kevin and I returned from a magical trip to Italy, and many of our classmates have gone on similar trips. The parties with loved ones roll on, but I doubt any of those celebrations rival the party we threw ourselves in Richmond in April 2008. As I mentioned in my last couple of letters, information sheets were completed by many of our classmates—even those who were not able to attend. I will continue where I left off last time and will gratefully accept any news that anyone wants to send to update the files.

Linda McCubbin Warren and husband Art live in Richmond and stay busy with their careers. She has been at Philip Morris for more than 33 years and is vice president and controller. She says she is working now because she loves it and not because she has to! Her daughter, Laura, is married, and has two delightful daughters for Linda to enjoy, as well as two stepchildren.

Cathy Musselman Melton and C. Edwin "Ed" Melton, R'67, live in Manakin-Sabot, Va. They have two daughters who have given them four grandchildren. Cathy works at Collegiate School part time after teaching there for 20 years. This gives her time to develop the jewelry business that she started in 2002 with three partners (one of whom is **Sally Felvey Guynn, W'68**). Their Web site is vavamos.com.

Cynthia Nitsch Contract and husband Jay have lived in South Florida for the past 30 years. They have one daughter, who is 31, and an Abyssinian cat moved in to take her place at home. They sold their dry cleaning business 12 years ago, and Cindy taught science while Jay took care of his ailing mom. Cindy has worked her way up to department head and team leader.

Nancy Ogg Tripp and husband Harold live in Reedville, Va., and thoroughly enjoy the laid-back life at the "rivah." Between them, they have six children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson. They have run three restaurants in the past, and

Nancy has her own catering business. Besides that, she teaches at an alternative education school and serves on her church council. She also finds time to serve in the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary organization for women educators. Among her favorite things to do is spending quality time with her grandchildren.

Anne Park Young and Riley Young, B'69, live in Mechanicsville, Va., and enjoy their three children. Anne taught elementary school for 13 years before "retiring" to be a stay-at-home mom. When her youngest reached kindergarten age, she went back to teaching. This time, she taught preschoolers for 11 years at Bible Study Fellowship, which is an interdenominational Bible study for all ages. For the past three years, she has been a group leader for 15 women and meets with a small group at a retirement community twice a month.

Mary Pearson and her husband, Charles Davidson, live in Middletown, N.J., with their eight cats and one dog. After a career in the corporate world, Mary decided that nonprofit work would be more rewarding. She is events manager for the Monmouth County SPCA, and in 2007, she also became a Big Sister. She was matched up with a delightful 8-year-old girl named Cheyenne, and they are having a ball together!

Carolyn Polis Smith-Williams and her husband, Jim, live in Lancaster, Va., where she is selling the business (The Fuse Co.) that she started 30 years ago. She is looking forward to retirement. She has two adult children. Her first husband, **Charles D. Smith, R'73**, passed away suddenly in 1996.

Bettie Shaffer Biehn has the privilege of turning 60 last—not until September 2009! She lives in Alexandria, Va., with her two dogs. She works with Homeward Trails Animal Rescue doing home visits and assisting at adoption events. After a varied career, she is director of human resources and administration for the Society for Neuroscience. Her goal is to link her passion for writing with her knowledge of human resources issues to create a children's book about diversity.

Carolyn Smith Boggs and her husband, Parker, have a busy life with her two sons, his daughter and son, and their families—a total of eight grandchildren. She retired after work-

ing as registrar at UR and William and Mary.

Betty Stagg and her husband, John Nordling, live in Solebury, Pa. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Betty retired from marketing with Blue Cross of Philadelphia and has enjoyed doing volunteer work. Now she is caretaker of the family farm in Tidewater Virginia. She and her husband love to travel to far-off places both as tourists and as volunteers.

That's it for this time. I still have six more summaries to write, but you'll have to wait for the next issue to learn the rest of the news. Reading these notes written by our classmates has caused me to realize once more just how special each of you are and how blessed we were to be at Westhampton College for our formative years.

Please write me about events in your lives so we can keep the news flowing.

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CLASS OF '71

Donna Holmes Whiteway, who worked as a teacher for 10 years, is now in her 15th year as a real estate agent. She and her husband, **Philip J. Whiteway, R'74**, live in Ashland. They have four children, and the last two are in college at VCU. Donna and Phil went to New York, where they saw two musicals, *In the Heights* and *Wicked*. Phil and partner Bruce Miller operate Theatre IV, the Barksdale Theatre, and the Empire, which is the oldest theatre in Virginia.

Judy Lancaster Hilliard lives in Roanoke. Daughter Anne, 21, is a college student in Baltimore. Judy volunteers at the Link Museum and spends time on house and yard improvements while taking care of her 8-year-old Shih Tzu.

Paula Hammett Gibbs lives in Winchester and is an administrator in an oncology office. She traveled with her mother and sister to Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, to visit Paula's other sister, who lives there. Paula has a daughter who is interested in medicine and education and is volunteering in Tanzania. She also has a son who lives in Winchester.

Martha Walters Geiger lives in Williamsburg and works at Governor's Land. Her daughter is a third-year

student at VCU, and when Martha goes to visit, she enjoys making a trip to the UR campus. Martha met President Ayers at a reception there last year, and she said that she continues to be impressed with the beauty and tranquility of the campus and the new buildings.

Millie Cochran Cooper and her husband, Roger, live on a 59-acre farm in Augusta County, near Staunton. Millie is a physical therapist. She and Roger have enjoyed a number of cruises and have visited Alaska, the Caribbean, and Canada. They have four children, and the youngest is a student at James Madison University.

Terry Catusus Jennings lives in Reston and is a writer. At present she is working on an assignment for *Ranger Rick Magazine*. Her husband, **Louis W. Jennings, R'69**, is an avid biker. He retired in April and they celebrated with a trip to Cancun. Terry's present to him was to get in shape so that she could ride with him around the rim of the Crater Lake volcano. They also took a trip to Greece. Their daughter is teaching math at a nearby high school, and their son will soon graduate from college.

Terri Bailey McKenzie, who lives in Virginia Beach, is retiring from her law practice. She and her husband, Bob, have done a lot of traveling, notably to Spain, Portugal, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and the Bahamas. In addition to her work as a lawyer, Terri volunteers at Samaritan House and serves on the board for the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. *Westhampton Class Secretaries*

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Robert E. Rigsby, R, was awarded the Trustees Distinguished Service Award at the University's commencement ceremony on May 11, 2008. He lives in Richmond and recently completed his third and final term as a trustee.

Joseph E. "Joe" Talley, R, is a clinical professor of medical psychology at Duke University. He was elected chairman and CEO Emeritus of the Council of Presidents of Psychology Specialty Academies of the American



The man behind the mask

John Mallory, B'89

John Mallory always knew he would attend Richmond. His mother worked there, and his father and sisters were alumni. He was a regular at football and basketball games, where the Spider mascot captivated him.

He saw Spidey riding around in a buggy and being lifted above the crowds. He knew he wanted to try it, but it wasn't until his junior year that he donned the Spidey costume.

While attending a mascot camp, Mallory realized he could turn his passion into a career. But after four years of college, that's not an idea you spring on your parents—or your future in-laws. A relative had a job opening at his surf shop in Virginia Beach, and Mallory took it. It was a solid first job, but something kept nagging him.

He started moonlighting with the Norfolk Tides, the area's minor league baseball team, as a fuzzy blue monster called Rip Tide. Eventually, he made up his mind to make a living in costume, and he started thinking about creating his own character.

Mallory liked the way geckoes looked with their big eyes and bright green skin. When he heard about a lizard in Costa Rica that could walk on water, nicknamed the Jesus lizard, he knew what to do. Geddy the Gecko debuted in 1995 at Mallory's church, First Baptist of Norfolk.

Geddy continues to perform for various church groups, but Mallory has expanded his cast of costumed characters by adding Bully the Longhorn Bull, Mr. Pig, and Holy Cow, which appeared four times on NBC's *America's Got Talent*.

He entertained the audience by break dancing and spritzing the judges with his squirt gun udders. The experience caused him to rethink his business strategy. His performances had been geared exclusively toward children. Now, he's attracting new customers, such as Kansas City, Mo.-based DeLaval U.S.A., which makes automatic milking machines.

—Leigh Anne Kelley

Board of Professional Psychology at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. He lives in Hillsborough, N.C., and has three children. His daughter has returned from two years in Niger, West Africa, where she served in the Peace Corps. Both of his sons are seniors in college, one at Duke and the other at UNC-Chapel Hill. Last summer Joe had lunch with **James A. "Jim" Winders, R**.

CLASS OF '72

Sallie Stone Cook and Marshall Cook, R'71 and L'74, are blessed with two granddaughters, Katherine, 3, and Sallie, 4 months, born to daughter Sarah and her husband, Will Martin. Daughter **Elizabeth Cook Miller, '03**, and her husband, **Andrew C. Miller, '03**, moved to Michigan, where Elizabeth is completing a residency in pediatric dentistry and Andrew is a search engine consultant. Daughter Susan graduated from JMU and is a marketing assistant. Sallie is chief medical officer with the Virginia Health Quality Center, and Marshall practices law with Hirschler Fleischer in Richmond.

Judith Thornhill Davis wrote to say that she and **Debbie Pearson Ellis** enjoyed a day together—and a football game—in Blacksburg in October. They had a great time catching up.

Rozanne Oliver reported that she and Bob Bayer are moving from Arlington to Charlottesville. They are looking forward to a change of pace and enjoying the Blue Ridge.

Becky Waggoner Glass and Mark have called Cary, N.C., home for 16 years. Becky is a manager in the Corporate Project Office at First Citizens Bank. Mark has become an entrepreneur after leaving information technology behind and trying his hand at the car wash business. Their son, Stephen, is a sophomore majoring in biology at North Carolina State. They were looking forward to having three generations at Lake Gaston for Thanksgiving and were thankful to have four healthy parents coming to celebrate!

Tricia Mason Prillaman and **Walter E. Prillaman, B'73**, sent news that their son, Brett, left in November for his second deployment to Iraq. He will be gone for 400 days. Their son-in-law, Arthur Athens, who is married to Emily, left in December for his second deployment to Iraq. Tricia's



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grandmother, Annie Sublett Mason, passed away on Nov. 4 at the age of 104. She was from Brookneal, Va.

I am thrilled to report that my husband, **Allen J. "Al" Mollen, R'69**, and I have a new family member as of October. Our daughter, **Rian Mollen, '00**, married Kevin Madayag at Cannon Memorial Chapel in a beautiful ceremony. Al and I couldn't be happier! **Becky Waggoner Glass** and her husband, Mark, were on hand for the festivities. It was wonderful to share this joyous occasion with them. Our daughter, Abby, is in Washington through July, which has brought both girls close to home for this year—a real blessing to their parents!

Stay well and stay in touch!

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CLASS OF '73

The latest celebrity in our class is **Donna Strother Deekens** who, with her family, participated in ABC's *Wife Swap*. Donna joined a family of weightlifters for the show. The best part was when the daughters of the other family turned the tables on Donna and held a tea party for her. Donna heard from **Donna Kingery Hudgins**, who watched the show with several friends from Kenya who thought it was "a hoot." The Deekens' oldest son, Brent, is pursuing a degree in acting from Shenandoah University. Younger son Greg is a senior in high school.

Donna hosted a Victorian tea party for Carson Watlington, daughter of **Ann Watlington**. Ann had a great time taking pictures of the girls in their dresses, boas, and hats. One brave little gentleman attended and seemed to have a great time as well.

Betty Rodman Harris and Scott also watched Donna's television debut with plenty of Kleenex on hand. Betty is enjoying grandparenthood with Cole. The Harris' younger son, John, is at Katmandu University in Nepal.

Nancy Bendall Emerson has stopped working at May Fair House at St. Stephen's Church in Richmond and has more flexibility to travel with her husband, **Benjamin W. Emerson, R**, who is a managing partner with Sands Anderson Marks & Miller. She also can focus on her business, Savory Fare Catering, which will

celebrate its 25th anniversary in June. Son Benjamin will graduate from Georgia Tech in May with a degree in aerospace engineering and plans to go to graduate school. Taylor is at the College of Charleston. Last summer the Emersons enjoyed a trip to the island of Bonaire in the Netherland Antilles, where they spent a couple of weeks scuba diving and sharing family time.

I got an e-mail from **Jeanie Nicholson Veith** with a great picture of her family. Her boys are the spitting image of their mother. Jeanie and Jon still work for the Air Force in Germany. They had the entire family together last summer, with Jerome home from his graduate studies in Boston. Joseph is a copilot for a European airline and is based close to home. The Veiths are also enjoying their newest family member, a Jack Russell terrier named Jackson. In January, to celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary, Jeanie and Jon visited Fuerteventura in the Canary Islands. Jeanie plans to be in Baltimore in May and will take her mother back to Europe for some traveling.

Meg Graham Kemper and Michael had a wonderful trip to Italy last fall. They spent three weeks touring Sorrento, Florence, Tuscany, and Rome. Meg was well-rested and enjoyed the break from her treatments.

Agnes Mobley Wynne is excited that her son, Clint Fuller, received an associate's degree from the Culinary Institute of America in December. Her daughter, **Laurel Fuller, '05**, has completed her first novella and is looking for a publisher. Stepson Billy Wynne has been named senior vice president and principal of Health Policy Source, a consulting firm in Washington.

Sam and I were happy to see **Susan Hamill Smith** and Mike at a VMI football game last fall. Their son is a graduate student at Clemson and will earn his degree this spring.

The Kirbys had a busy fall. I am still working with our church's Mother's Morning Out and have made the decision to retire at the end of this school year. I think I am getting too old to chase 2-year-olds. It's time to try something new. Hannah loves kindergarten and comes home with a new story every day.

Please take the time to send me your e-mail address so I can send you news that won't wait until the next alumni magazine, such as the news about Donna's TV appearance.

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Charles K. "Charlie" Payne, R and G'75, is a physics and computer science teacher and track coach at Northern High School in Durham, N.C.

Willie P. Tyree Jr., C, lives in Mechanicsville, Va. He participates in the Methodist Men's Bible study and teaches Sunday school at Shady Grove United Methodist Church.

CLASS OF '74

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Julia Habel Thompson writes that her daughter is a third-year student majoring in neuroscience and Russian at the University of Virginia. Julia hopes to return to Siberia to teach in the summer English program at Novosibirsk State University.

Judy Owen Hopkins writes that her husband, **Marbry Benjamin "Hop" Hopkins, R**, enjoyed a birding expedition to Brazil. They were in San Antonio for an international symposium on breast cancer in December, and they went skiing in January. Son Ben is working for BB&T and enjoying a new phase of his life with marriage and a new job. Judy says she will see everyone in March at the reunion.

Gayle Shick Shull and Charlie live in central Texas near Fort Hood. She manages the technology directorate of the Army command responsible for testing new systems in realistic operational environments. She enjoyed a trip to Michigan to spend a few days with her mom and two sisters. Gayle hopes that a meeting will bring her near Richmond for our reunion.

Mary Ann Liggan Riter, G'93, is a medical technologist in the transplant lab at MCV Hospital in Richmond. She also tutors high school science students, after 10 years of teaching middle and high school science in private schools. Mary Ann is raising two of her grandchildren, Nathan, 4, and Nadia, 1, and is a single mom/grandmom. She has three grown daughters, all living in Richmond. The oldest,

Rachel, attended Randolph-Macon College and is married with a son, Andrew. Her youngest daughter, Cary, is exploring her college options, including UR. Her middle daughter, Meredith, is a registered CNA and works for Bon Secours St. Mary's in the PICU. Mary Ann is on the reunion committee and hopes to see many of our classmates in March.

Linda Fernald Honaker teaches music at Bettie Weaver Elementary School in Chesterfield County. Husband Paul is in his 35th year as minister of music at Bon Air Baptist Church. Son Stephen graduated from East Carolina University and is employed with Tektonics Design Firm in Richmond. Paul, Stephen, and Linda traveled to San Diego last summer with **Dwight Graham, R**, and his family and had a great time. **Esther Hopkins Barnes** attended a 90th birthday celebration for Linda's mother. Linda says she hopes she is still celebrating at 90.

Verda Ingle lives in Boone, N.C., with her husband, Darrell Morris, who teaches at Appalachian State University. Son Joe lives in San Francisco and daughter Katie lives in Thailand. Verda says she enjoys keeping up with everyone through the alumni news.

Clemmie Williams Lankford and **Harvey V. Lankford, R'72**, spent a month hiking and backpacking in California last summer. The wildflowers, lakes, and mountains were beautiful and walking on snow in July was a real treat! Their older son, a few of his friends, and some cousins joined them for part of the time. On their way back from Mammoth Lakes, they received a call from their younger son and learned of his engagement to his college sweetheart. He attends Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

Sandy Sperry was supposed to start a contract for one-day trainings on a national level for A+ Educators in September, but due to the downturn in the economy, all trainings through the end of the year were canceled. Her trips to Virginia, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, and New Mexico were cancelled—some had been selected so she could visit with family, friends, and her WC roommate, **Rosalyn C. "Ros" Reed**.

Beth Neal Jordan writes that her younger daughter, Elise, is a third-year student at the University of Virginia, majoring in foreign affairs and global public health. Her older daughter,

Laura E. Jordan, '07, is in Africa as part of a two-year commitment to teach in the missionary school for Youth With a Mission. Son Paul is a senior at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma, Wash. Beth remains active in the Women's Commission at Harbor Covenant Church, and she volunteers in the office at Paul's school. My daughter, **Rebecca "Becca" Chandler, '07**, is in Seattle and regularly visits Beth, her "West Coast Mom."

My husband, **Theodore L. "Ted" Chandler, L'77**, and I took our family skiing for a week. I am serving on the Westhampton planning committee for our reunion, along with **Betsy Ray Cobb, Carolyn Ridgway Cook, Grace Robinson den Hartog, Judy Owen Hopkins, Janet Ferrell, Ann V. Gordon, Mary Ann Liggan Riter, and Jean Dagenhart Smith**. Friday will be our traditional girls' night, so please make plans to be a part of the weekend. *Westhampton Class Secretaries*
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Phillip A. "Phil" Hamilton, R, was elected to the board of the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation in Richmond. He lives in Newport News, Va., and represents the 93rd District in the Virginia House of Delegates.

CLASS OF '75

Michael L. Roberts, R, earned an associate's degree in health information technology and passed the Registered Health Information Technician exam. He lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.

CLASS OF '78

Evelyn C. Sweet-Hurd, G, is the author of *His Name Was Donn: My Brother's Letters from Vietnam*, which was named a finalist in the history/military category of the USA Best Books for 2008 competition. She lives in Conyers, Ga.

Nancy Kohler Willard, W, and her husband, Bruce, adopted a daughter, Gabriela Clairyn, who was born Jan. 9, 2007. They live in Richmond.

CLASS OF '79

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CLASS OF '80

David R. Betts, B, lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he is controller for Sunsations and writes a monthly column on college sports for *Delmarva Youth* magazine.

Sherrie Kopka Kennedy, W, operates a landscape design and decorative painting business in Kensington, Md. She and her husband, Lionel, have three children. Their oldest daughter is a sophomore at Duke University, and their younger daughter is a first-year student at UNC-Chapel Hill. Their son is a seventh-grade student at Landon School in Bethesda, Md. Last summer they enjoyed a day at King's Dominion with **Suzanne Vogt White, W**, and **David R. White, R'76 and G**.

John Y. Richardson Jr., L, is deputy city attorney for Norfolk, Va. He was appointed to a three-year term on the faculty of the Virginia State Bar's Professionalism Course and was also appointed to the Virginia State Bar Professionalism Committee and Public Protection Task Force.

CLASS OF '81

Scott A. Milburn, L, is general counsel and vice president for operations at QL2, a software firm headquartered in Seattle, Wash. He and his wife, Melissa, have one son, 8.

Deborah D. Snagg, W, took second place in the Women's Master 5K event at the Footlocker South Regional Cross Country Championships in Charlotte, N.C., in November 2008. Deborah is a former AIAW All-American cross-country runner and a member of the UR Athletics Hall of Fame. She lives in Richmond.

CLASS OF '82

Elaine Dziemian Shoudy, B, lives in Long Valley, N.J. She was a reader at the Sept. 11 memorial ceremony last year at Ground Zero in New York. Her cousin, Robert Kaulfers of the Port Authority Police, was killed when the Twin Towers collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001.

CLASS OF '83



Don't miss "Season on the Brink" featuring Mike London, R'83, on page 10.

Georgia Verykousis Rosenberg, W, and **Michael Rosenberg, L'86**, live in Chesapeake, Va. Their oldest son, Alex, is a first-year student at UR.

Grace Harris Spatafora, G, is professor of biology at Middlebury College. Last fall she was elected to the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering.

CLASS OF '84

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J. Russell Fentress, R, is a managing partner in the law firm of Goss, Fentress, Bowman & Bragg in Norfolk, Va., where he specializes in Social Security and personal injury law. He lives in Virginia Beach with his wife, Mary Ellen, and their children, Anne, 10, John, 6, and Will, 4.

CLASS OF '86

Michael A. Barrs, R, has relocated from Puerto Rico to Alexandria, Va., where he teaches English at Langley High School.

Margaret F. Hardy, B, is an attorney with Sands Anderson Marks & Miller in Richmond. She was elected chair of the board of directors for Women's Health Virginia, a nonprofit organization focused on improving the health of women and girls through outreach, research, and education.

Timothy B. Heilman, R, was named director of development at Saint

Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va.

Josephine "Jo" White Menk, W, won the Women's Master 5K event at the Footlocker South Regional Cross Country Championships in Charlotte, N.C., in November 2008. Jo is a former three-time All-American track star and a member of the UR Athletics Hall of Fame. She lives in Montpelier, Va.

CLASS OF '88

Christopher C. Smith, R, is director of donor recruitment for Virginia Blood Services. He lives in Richmond with his wife, Nell, and their children, Gracie, 11, and Zachary, 8.

CLASS OF '89

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Mary-Kay Lombino, W, was awarded a 2009 fellowship by the Center for Curatorial Leadership in New York. She is curator of the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College.

Michael P. McCready, R and L'92, and his wife, Denise, had a daughter, Maddox Isabella, on Nov. 7, 2008. She joins brother Miles, 5, and sisters Amelia, 4, and Emerson, 3. They live in Chicago.

Susan Bugg Paullin, W, and her husband, Rob, had a daughter, Abby Lee, on Aug. 18, 2008. She joins sister Lindsay. They live in Richmond. To register for your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

CLASS OF '90

Andrew "Drew" Koch, R and G'94, is director of student access, transition, and success programs at Purdue University. He recently completed requirements for a Ph.D. in American studies at Purdue, and he has completed the fourth edition of *The First-Year Experience in American Higher Education: An Annotated Bibliography*. He and his wife, Sara, have two sons.

Carole Yeatts Timberlake, W, and **Brent M. Timberlake, L'04**, had a daughter, Sarah Grace, on Sept. 29, 2008. She joins brother Samuel, 2. Proud grandparents are **Elaine Johnson Yeatts, W'64 and G'89**, and **Archer L. "Archie" Yeatts, R'64 and L'67**.



CLASS OF '91

Christine Creighton Lambert, B. and David Lambert were married on May 31, 2008. Included in the wedding party was **Cara Sweeney Rogers, B'92**. Christine and David live in Wayne, Pa.

Douglas K. Schacht, R. is leadership development manager for the YMCA of the USA. He lives in Greenville, S.C.

CLASS OF '92

Holly Offerman Newcomb, W. lives in Annapolis Md., and is a spacecraft engineer supporting NASA. She and her husband, Lance, recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and enjoyed safaris in Tanzania and Zambia.

Camden R. Webb, R. was named to the list of "Movers and Shakers" in the Triangle region of North Carolina by *Triangle Business Leader* magazine. He lives in Raleigh, where he is a partner in the law firm of Williams Mullen.

CLASS OF '93

David H. Bradley has joined the Congressional Research Service as an analyst in labor economics. He and his wife, Kate, live in Silver Spring, Md., with their son, Griffin, 2.

Sarah Manchester Hajduk and her husband, Bryan, had a son, Zak Manchester, on Sept. 6, 2008. They live in Tewksbury, Mass.

Scott C. McCandless and his wife, Jennifer, had a son, Eamon James, on Nov. 11, 2008. They live in Alexandria, Va.

CLASS OF '94

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Julianne Taylor Calder and her husband, Andy, had a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, on Aug. 15, 2008. They live in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where Julianne is director of marketing for Jackson Hole Mountain Resort and Lodging.

Stephen R. Eid, GB, and **Darcy L. Eid, GB'95**, relocated with their two daughters from Geneva, Switzerland, to Bangkok, Thailand. Stephen is president of EmTec Management, a

bio-technology firm. Darcy is a partner at the Unland Company, a marketing strategy and communications firm. Last summer Stephen competed as part of Team USA in the Triathlon Long Distance World Championships in Almere, Holland.

Alissa Mancuso Poole was elected president of the Richmond chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. She is an independent public relations consultant.

CLASS OF '95

Jake Birmingham is director of internal audit for Roper Industries and travels frequently to visit the company's domestic and international locations. He and his wife, Nicole, live in Tampa, Fla., with their daughter, Quinn, 9.

Katherine "Kate" Bacon Schneider and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, on Sept. 24, 2008. She joins brother Matthew Henry, 3. They live in Framingham, Mass.

Mindi McCall Zimmer and **Michael C. Zimmer** had twins, Alex Robert and Brianna Erin, on Sept. 22, 2008. They live in Norwalk, Conn.

CLASS OF '96

Lori Dunn Coates and her husband, Chris, had a daughter, Lindsey Suzanne, on May 1, 2008. She joins sisters Courtney, 9, and Emily, 6.

Lauren Ryan Connolly and **Matthew J. Connolly, GB'04**, live in Atlanta with their daughters, Maggie, 8, and Julia, 6. Lauren works part time as a financial advisor.

Jennifer Hanna DiMasi and her husband, Gavin, had twins, Jackson Joseph and Gabrielle Hanna, on May 9, 2008. They live near Washington.

Melissa L. Langan and her husband, Yosi Amster, had a son, Jonah Dylan, on April 25, 2008. He joins sisters Alexa, 5, and Leah, 3. They live in Fairfield, Conn.

Victoria "Vicky" Morton Curtis, and her husband, Tom, had a son, Quint Joseph, on Oct. 8, 2008. They live in Tucson, Ariz., where Vicky is a program business manager for Raytheon.

Lisa Stevens Sheldon and her husband, Matthew, had a son, Alexander John, on Aug. 18, 2008. He joins sister Sylvia, 4, and brother Jack, 2. They live in West Chester, Pa.

John Unice and his wife, Michele, had twins, John Philip and Ella Grace, on May 22, 2008. They live in Pittsburgh, where John practices corporate litigation at the law firm of Jones Day.

CLASS OF '97

Kate Clements Cohorst is communications director for the American Heart Association of Greater Illinois. She and her husband, David, live in Springfield, Ill.

Allegra Black King is an assistant federal public defender for the Western District of Virginia. Her husband, **B. Webb King, L'01**, is an associate attorney with Woods Rogers. They live in Roanoke, Va., with their son, Benjamin, 2.

CLASS OF '98

Aaron R. Cooper and **Betsey Foster Cooper** had a son, Peyton Lee, on April 18, 2008. He joins brother Thomas, 2. The family lives in Snow Hill, Md. Last July they enjoyed a vacation on the Chesapeake Bay with **Katrina Sweitzer Kinneer, '99**, and **Jennifer Hoyt Tessneer, '00**, and their families.

Peter J. Goldin is the PAC director for the Sierra Club in Washington. He and Brian S. Hollis were married on Aug. 18, 2008, in San Francisco.

Kelly L. Harris is a massage therapist, clown, and ventriloquist. She lives in Lexington, Va., where she owns and operates Etc by Kelly.

Eric W. Moore and **Amanda G. Wienkowski** were married on Sept. 13, 2008. Eric is a controller for Merit Medical Systems, and Amanda is a customer service specialist with Premier Pet Products. They live in Richmond.

Sarah Greenwold Thatch and her husband, Chris, had twin daughters, Charlotte Ann and Rebecca Jane, on May 3, 2008. They live in Bethesda, Md.

John J. Wagler and his wife, Lacy, had twins, Adam and Nevea, on Sept. 8, 2008. They live in Richmond.

Meghan Reid Woodward and **Thomas W. Woodward, '00**, had a son, Matthew William, on Aug. 6, 2008. He joins brothers John Reid and James Thomas. The family lives in Glen Allen, Va.

CLASS OF '99

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Carl R. Augustsson is a professor at Caucas University in Tbilisi in the Republic of Georgia, the home country of his wife, Manana.

Samantha F. Bonom is a producer in broadcast production for Young & Rubicam Advertising. She lives in New York.

Matthew A. Costanzo is the area director for Southern California for Adecco & Ajilon, an information technology consulting firm. He lives in Carlsbad, Calif.

Elizabeth Teixeira Durastanti is a consultant in the Global Mobility Advisory Services division of KPMG in New York.

Leanna Bowman Goodrich earned a master's degree in education at Gwynedd-Mercy College. She teaches German at Pennridge High School in Perkasi, Pa. She and her husband, Peter, live in Colmar, Pa., with their son, Logan, 2.

Josh M. Hayden is pursuing a doctoral degree in higher education leadership and policy at Vanderbilt University.

Andrew M. Kerr and **Elizabeth Johnsen Kerr, G'00**, had a son, James Valentine, on Aug. 20, 2008. They live in Richmond.

Jensen W. Sutta and **Kiha Thomas** were married on Oct. 5, 2008, in Santa Barbara, Calif. The couple lives in Parker, Colo., where Jensen is a professional photographer.

Caren Feeley Tracy and **Chad R. Tracy** had a son, Kyle Joseph, on May 22, 2008. They live in Dallas, where Chad is completing a fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Elizabeth Roop Tuck and her husband, Warren, had a son, Jonathan Blackwell, on Feb. 29, 2008. He joins sister Aubrey, 2. Their proud uncle is **Jason Blackwell Roop, '95**.

Ben E. Wallerstein is vice president and counsel at Dutko Worldwide in Washington.

CLASS OF '00

Lisa Senatore Ahern and her husband, Dave, had a daughter, Katherine Claire, on April 26, 2008. The family

lives in Durham, N.C., where Lisa is a faculty member and psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center.

Melissa Kosiorek Eager and **Joshua K. Eager** had a son, Jason Kimball, on Sept. 22, 2008. He joins brother Ryan James, 2. They live in Richmond.

Robert H. Ethington is a financial advisor with the Private Client Group of Merrill Lynch in Boston.

Laura Giesen Haskin and **James Russell "Russ" Haskin, '99**, had a son, Andrew Lawrence, on May 20, 2008. They live in Midlothian, Va.

Karen Multhaup Ibay and **Edwin G. "Gerry" Ibay, L'07**, had a son, Austin Ray, on Sept. 22, 2008. They live in New York, where Gerry works in health care administration for Bon Secours New York, and Karen works for Artio Global Investors.

Daniel Mohnshine and **Laurie R. Sindlinger** had a daughter, Charlotte Joy, on Oct. 7, 2008. They live in Bedminster, N.J., where Dan works for Kraft Foods and Laurie is employed by the New Jersey Audubon Society.

Richard Quashne and his wife, Laura, had a son, Alexander Richard, on Sept. 19, 2008. He joins sister Katharina Alane, 3. They live in Wilmington, Del., where Rich is marketing programs manager for Agilent Technologies.

Jennifer Hoyt Tessneer and her husband, Brian, live in Annapolis, Md., with their son, Evan Patrick, 1.

Allison Dolan Windon and **Robert L. Windon** had a daughter, Margaret Victoria, on Sept. 4, 2008. She joins brother Clayton, 3. They live in Barrington, Ill., where Allison is a senior broker for Aon Corp. and Robert is an assistant state's attorney.

CLASS OF '01

Sharon B. Foreman and Todd Kready were married on July 19, 2008, in Blacksburg, Va. Included in the wedding party were **Kristin E. Johnson**, **Christina L. Mizelle**, **Brian S. Foreman, L'05**, and **Gregory D. Foreman, L'74**. Sharon earned a master's degree in social work from Washington University and is a doctoral candidate in the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is also a program coordinator for the VCU Graduate School and an adjunct instructor at Virginia Western Community College. She and



Coaching hoops in Germany

Chris Fleming, '93

After his college basketball career with the Spiders, Chris Fleming, '93, crossed the Atlantic to play for pay in Germany.

Fifteen years later, Fleming remains entrenched in European pro hoops. He played for six years in Germany and has coached for nine years there. He was the Eurobasket.com coach of the year in Germany in 2007, and he began the 2008 season coaching Bamberg in the Bundesliga, the top league in the country.

"European basketball in general is a little more disciplined" than the National Basketball Association, Fleming says, but it "definitely has an American flair since there are a lot of American players here."

The biggest rule difference between German basketball and NBA hoops is the American rule that limits offensive players to three seconds in the lane. "The lane is more crowded here," Fleming says. "You have to move the ball more. Scoring is more balanced."

Fleming's current team includes Puerto Rican and Serbian players plus several Americans and Germans. Each team in the league must have four German players. Fleming has coached several Americans with NBA experience, including Tommy Smith (Arizona State), Sean Lampley (California), Matt Freije (Vanderbilt), and Alexander Johnson (Florida State), who played for the Miami Heat in 2007-08 before joining Bamberg this season.

Fleming has played and coached throughout Europe. Last season his team played in Italy, France, Bulgaria, Russia, and Latvia. In past seasons he has competed in Belgium, Spain, Croatia, Slovenia, and the Netherlands.

At Richmond, Fleming played on the team that upset Syracuse in the NCAA tournament in 1991. "We ran a very disciplined offense," he recalls. "That is how we beat those teams. We were better prepared."

Fleming tries to follow the same model today, though in a different culture far from his New Jersey and Richmond roots.

—David Driver

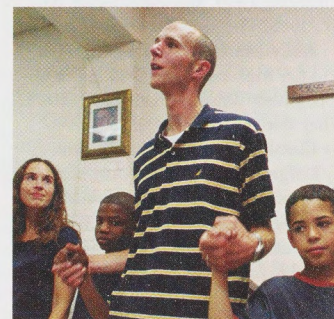
Todd live in Bedford, Va.

Carla M. Francischetti and **Matthew A. Baechtle** were married on Aug. 29, 2008, in New Jersey. Included in the wedding party were **Renee M. Francischetti, '06**, **Mark D. Tumelty**, and **Daniel W. Smith**. The couple lives in Washington.

Heather G. Shortlidge is an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis.

Meghan A. Sturges is a vice president and account supervisor at Saatchi & Saatchi in New York.

CLASS OF '02



Don't miss "Jepson's Finest" featuring **Aaron Graham, '02**, on page 16.

John D. Brecker was promoted to manager in the Institutional Distribution Team at Turner Investment Partners in Berwyn, Pa.

Ryan David Kocher and **Brooke Curtis Kocher** had a daughter, Rosemarie Ann Kocher, on Aug. 6, 2008. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Joshua E. Laws, L'05, and **Joanna E. Taraba, '05**, were married on Sept. 16, 2007, in Fallbrook, Calif. Included in the wedding party were **Joseph J. Laws, C'06** and **L'09**, **Keith Rosica**, **James W. Collins**, **Joseph F. Meyer**, and **Eric S. Fleming, '03**. The couple lives in Richmond, where Josh practices employment law and Joanna is a researcher for the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

Graham B. Schmidt earned a J.D. from the College of William & Mary School of Law. He is an associate attorney with Beermann Swerdlove in Chicago.



CLASS OF '03

Katherine A. Albrecht graduated from the University of Akron School of Law and passed the Ohio bar exam.

Catherine Burgess and Andrew Green were married on April 5, 2008, at Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were **Jessica A. Heard, Elise Ryder Myers, Jill Murphy Myers, and Thomas W. Green, R'67**. The couple lives in Richmond, where Cathy is a Spanish teacher and field hockey coach at Monacan High School and Andrew is employed by Capital One.

Valerie L. Catrow and her husband, Ross, had a son, Jackson Ross, on Nov. 17, 2008. They live in Richmond.

Kelly Marie Johnson Chwastyk and her husband, Matthew, had a son, Caleb Wilson, on Aug. 22, 2008. They live in Annapolis, Md.

Carolyn Clements and **Joshua T. Lofgren** were married on May 10, 2008, in Philadelphia. Included in the wedding party were **Emily R. Clark, '04, Susan L. Schutz, Peter C. Jerauld, Matthew S. Osborne, Brian R. Steiner, and Jessica Lofgren, '09**. The couple lives in New York, where Carolyn works for Nielsen and Josh works for Goldman Sachs.

Allison Cheney Cullison and her husband, Ryan, had a son, Matthew Dino, on July 18, 2008. They live in Owings Mills, Md., where Allison works for Legg Mason.

Kelly Decker and Robert McCullough were married on June 21, 2008. They live in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Catherine "Cassie" Ferrari and Michael Yusi were married on June 28, 2008, in Larchmont, N.Y. Included in the wedding party were **Christine N. Ferrari, '01, Molly M. Green, and Alexis M. Jeannotte.**

W. Chadwick Harris and **Kimberly D. Hensley, C'08**, were married in Cannon Memorial Chapel in May 2008. Included in the wedding party were **Laura A. Hogan, '02, and Daniel P. Jones**. The couple lives in Richmond.

Renee C. Szymanik and John Verrone were married on Oct. 11, 2008, in New Jersey. The couple lives in Verona, N.J.

CLASS OF '04

Reunion Reminder March 27-29, 2009

To register for your reunion, send e-mail to reunion@richmond.edu or call the alumni office at (804) 289-8030 or (800) 480-4774, option 8.

Alison Frattare Bartlett and her husband, Josh, relocated from Denver to Independence, Ky., where they are building their first home.

Baylor M. Miller has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is an analyst with The Carlyle Group in Washington.

Lauran Glassman Stimac, L'07, is a civil litigator with Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle in Richmond.

Kelly G. Thompson and Paul Davis were married on Nov. 8, 2008, in Richmond. Included in the wedding party were **Jessica Moya Tallman, Lyndsay E. Smoak, Mark R. Thompson, '99, and Ashley Davis, '09**.

Amy L. Vest is pursuing a master's degree in higher education administration and a master's degree in divinity at Harvard University.

Anne S. Williamson is pursuing a doctoral degree in higher education from New York University. She and her husband, **Timothy M. Bezbatchenko**, live in New York.

Eric D. Zuncic is pursuing a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University.

CLASS OF '05

Catherine A. Black graduated from Harvard Law School and is a judicial clerk for the chief judge of the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. She lives in Vienna, Va.

Anna "Annie" Brown and **Matthew P. Trenton** were married on May 31, 2008, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. Included in the wedding party were **Jessica B. Bigby, '04, Adella Goodwyn Heard, Heather M. Petrucci, Christopher C. Oliver, Jason M. Przybylski, and Matthew J. Troy**. The couple lives in Sterling, Va.

Charles D. Clark is attending Charleston School of Law in South Carolina, where he is a member of the *Charleston Law Review*.

Andrea M. Colegrove and Jonathan T. Shaver were married on Sept. 27, 2008, in Duck, N.C. Included in the wedding party were **Marjorie R. Francis, Rebecca S.**

Goldberg, and Erin McGowan. The couple lives in Richmond.

Brian D. Deming and Jennifer Juall were married on April 6, 2008, in Bluemont, Va. Included in the wedding party was **Benjamin W. Frazee**.

Gia Francucci is a CPA/analyst with HighPoint Capital in Boston.

Richard W. Gouldin III earned a master's degree in educational leadership from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. He is a third-grade teacher in Louisa County, Va.

Kristen B. Habicht is a student at the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

Brandon Wick Halm and **Brandt Leigh Harryman** were married on July 12, 2008, in Virginia Beach. Included in the wedding party were **Matt Landau, Andrew Velde, '06, Taylor Clark, '04, Braxton Bragg, '06, Marie Shockley, and Lauren Smith, '06**. The couple lives in Baltimore, where Brandt is a nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Brandon is a private equity associate at Calvert Street Capital Partners.

Ashleigh M. Heck is pursuing a master's degree in student affairs administration in the College of Education at Michigan State University.

Kristine E. Lohse is pursuing a master's degree in primary education from the University of London. She teaches part time at the American School.

McKendry K. Marano earned a master's degree in teaching from the University of Virginia. He lives in Philadelphia, where he is a volunteer with City Year, a nonprofit organization that provides tutors, mentors, and role models for students.

Megan S. Myers and **Daniel Summers** were married on May 27, 2007, in Bedford, Va. Included in the wedding party were **Krystal L. Cunningham, Abbie P. Richardson, '07, Matthew T. Carew, and Anthony M. Dove, '04**. The couple lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.

McLean P. Turner is manager of the Barrel Thief Wine Shop and Café in Richmond. She also performs with the James River Singers, a classical chamber choir.

CLASS OF '06

Samantha E. Beese is a patient care technician in the acute care unit at VCU Medical Center in Richmond.

Kristen M. Berlacher is the communication and development manager for Working in the Schools, a tutoring and mentoring program for students in Chicago public schools.

Brittany E. Brown is pursuing a master's degree in mass communications at the VCU Brandcenter in Richmond.

Kevin D. Brown is director of business development for Neo Energy Solutions in Philadelphia.

Valerie T. Brown earned a master's degree in educational policy, planning, and leadership from the College of William and Mary, where she is interim assistant director of multicultural affairs.

Lauren T. Davis is a human resources associate at Lehman Brothers in New York.

Kristin Keane Felici and **Joseph F. Felici** had a son, Joseph Frank Felici Jr., on Nov. 15, 2008. They live in Philadelphia.

Elleni Z. Ghebremicael completed a two-year commitment with Teach for America in Cherry Hill, N.J. She is pursuing a master's degree in international peace and conflict resolution at American University.

Jessica Searles Haile is a program director at Franklin & Marshall College, where she advises student groups and Greek organizations. She and her husband, Jon, live in Lancaster, Pa.

Heather M. Harsh is a staff accountant for SnagAJob.com in Glen Allen, Va.

Cristin E. Kane is pursuing a master's degree in public policy analysis at American University.

Barrett D. Kingsriter, L. is vice president for corporate finance and investment banking at Commerce Street Capital in Dallas.

Margaret Ashley Love is a producer and editor for t2p Productions, a video production company that covers the sailing industry. She lives in Annapolis, Md.

Emily P. Maloney and David P. Wilmoth were married on Sept. 20, 2008, in Charlottesville, Va. Emily is the daughter of **Eleanor Patrick Maloney, B'78, and David M. Maloney, B'76**. The couple lives in Richmond, where Emily works for

Dominion Generations.

Courtney L. McRae is a third-year student at Howard University School of Law.

Teri McRae and **Benjamin J. Brezner**, '07, were married on Oct. 11, 2008, on Navarre Beach in Florida. Included in the wedding party were **Claire E. Saylor**, **Lena C. Peterson**, **Andrew R. Setterberg**, and **Ryan K. Duffy**, '07. The couple lives in Arlington, Va.

Brendan J. Mullen works for Putnam Investments in Boston.

Christin Puschauer and **Todd M. Jones** were married on Aug. 9, 2008, in Annapolis, Md. Included in the wedding party were **Lauren A. Koster** and **Allison M. Czapracki**, '05. The couple lives in New York.

Ashley S. Pyle is a third-year student at the University of Maryland School of Law, where she is executive notes editor of the *Maryland Journal of International Law*.

Danielle N. Torain is director of policy, programming, and evaluation at the Center for Urban Families in Baltimore. She is also a part-time student at the University of Maryland School of Law.

William J. Van Thunen is a global markets mergers and acquisitions specialist for Hunton & Williams in New York.

Susan H. Vaughan is an analyst in the talent and organization performance group of Accenture. She lives in Arlington, Va., and is vice president of UR's Young Alumni Chapter in Washington.

CLASS OF '07

Oluwatorera O. Akinola is a special education teacher in New York.

Kathryn "Katie" Connolly Bell is a fundraiser and event planner for the American Cancer Society. She and her husband, Andrew, live in Richmond.

Balu B. Chandrasekaran is an associate consultant for Bain & Company in Chicago.

Rebecca K. Condon has returned from Tanzania, where she taught HIV prevention. She is pursuing a master's degree in public health at Boston University.

Katherine F. Connelly works for RuffaloCODY, a fundraising consulting firm. She manages the call center at Providence College in Rhode Island.

Dane J. DeCiero is completing a fellowship at MATCH Charter Public



Never too late to learn

Margaret "Lyn" McDermid, GB'00

Lyn McDermid is senior vice president and chief information officer of Dominion, one of the nation's largest power companies. She also is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and was named to *Computerworld's* list of "Premier 100 IT Leaders" in 2004—not bad for someone who earned her M.B.A. only nine years ago.

"College was not as accessible when I graduated from high school" in the early 1970s, she explains. So McDermid became the first woman to join the apprentice program at Newport News Shipbuilding. Next she took a job at Stone and Webster Engineering Corp. as a building planning engineer for nuclear power plants. And in 1982, she joined Virginia Power, a subsidiary of Dominion. She continued to work for Dominion while earning a business degree from Mary Baldwin College and an M.B.A. from Richmond.

As Dominion's chief information officer, McDermid leads an organization of 1,200 people who design, build, and maintain the company's information technology infrastructure. She thinks of Dominion as an IT company because it requires so many networks and systems to generate and transmit electric power.

McDermid serves on the board of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, and next year she will chair Mary Baldwin's board and lead its fundraising campaign.

As a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, McDermid has met on several occasions with the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and its chairman, Ben Bernanke. "Not being an economist ... it has been a tremendous learning experience to be part of the Federal Reserve," she says. "Oftentimes getting an education affords you these other unique experiences. It all ties back to getting an M.B.A. at U of R. ... It has exposed me to other opportunities in the business community."

The mother of three and grandmother of four sums up her experience with higher education by saying, "It's never too late."

—Richard Foster

High School in Boston, where he is a tutor, teacher, and assistant guidance counselor.

Kathryn A. Farley is a government affairs associate at the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers in Washington.

Sarah E. Fitzpatrick works for Weber Shandwick, a global public relations firm. She lives in New York.

Kristy M. Hartman is a research associate in the consumer discretionary sector at Davenport and Co. in Richmond.

Deirdre Laine Jurand is attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she is a member of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*.

Sara E. McGanity is a business analyst for CLC Solutions, the consulting group of the Corporate Executive Board in Arlington, Va.

Guy E. Peterson is part of the organizational change strategy team at Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington.

Jessica M. Scrimale is a research analyst at Spencer Stuart, a global executive search company in New York.

Adrienne L. Supino teaches English in Thailand.

Walter A. Wilson, GB, and Allison Graves were married on July 20, 2008, in Denmark. They live in Richmond, where Walter is vice president and commercial underwriting counsel for LandAmerica.

Mallory M. Winter is the volunteer coordinator at DOVE, a domestic violence prevention agency in Somerville, Mass.

CLASS OF '08

Caitlin E. Colbert received a grant from the French government to teach English in two secondary schools in Nantes, France.

Anne G. Myers lives in Nassau, Bahamas, where she is employed in the Alumni Relations and Development Department at the College of the Bahamas.

Sara M. Rossi is a brand trainer for Jaeger-LeCoultre, a French luxury watch company. She is based in New York.



IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

1933 / Louis Buffenstein, R. of Richmond, Sept. 28, 2008. He was a real estate agent and appraiser, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and Volunteer of the Year with Jewish Family Services. He was a member of Temple Beth-El.

1934 / Constantinos J. "Cotchy" Pappandreou, R. of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 3, 2008. He served in the Army during World War II and worked as the business manager of Mary Washington Hospital. He was active in many civic and fraternal organizations.

1934 / Edith McDanel Shelburne, W. of Southern Pines, N.C., Nov. 6, 2008.

1936 / Martha Riis Moore, W. of Richmond, Dec. 6, 2008. She was a social worker in the Richmond area for more than 30 years. She also was an accomplished photographer, journalist, and painter. She was active in women's clubs, local politics, and alumni groups. She also was a member of St. Paul's and St. Stephens Episcopal churches.

1937 / Dr. Herbert C. Allen Jr., R and H'82, of Houston, Aug. 5, 2008. A pioneer in nuclear medicine, he rose to the rank of major while serving as an Army flight surgeon during World War II. As assistant director of atomic medicine for the Veterans Administration, he was responsible for the design of government laboratories throughout the country. He invented a scanner for the imaging of thyroid glands, wrote more than 40 scientific papers, and received the Gold Medal from the American College of Nuclear Medicine—its highest award. In Houston, he worked for several area hospitals before entering private practice. He was a life member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Houston, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He also was a member of Willow Meadows Baptist Church.

1937 / Carl L. Turkington, R. of Summerfield, Fla., Sept. 23, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was an oil company executive in New Jersey and Puerto Rico.

1940 / Frances Bailey Gill, W. of Richmond, Aug. 15, 2008.

1941 / Josephine Fennell Pacheco, W. of Washington, D.C., Aug. 16, 2008. She was a distinguished professor of history at George Mason University and director of the

George Mason Center for the Study of Constitutional Rights. Her book, *The Pearl: A Failed Slave Escape on the Potomac*, published in 2005, won acclaim for telling the story of a little-known attempted slave escape.

1942 / R. Braxton Hill Jr., R. of Norfolk, Va., Sept. 8, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II. A certified public accountant, he was partner in charge of the Norfolk office of Price Waterhouse. He was active in many professional and service organizations, was president of the Norfolk Rotary Club and the Norfolk Boy's Club, and received the Virginia Society of CPAs Public Service Commendation. He was a member of Talbot Park Baptist Church.

1942 / Malcolm U. "Buck" Pitt Jr., R. of Richmond, Nov. 4, 2008. He was a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy during World War II and received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during the Normandy invasion. He played semi-professional basketball with the Richmond Barons from 1947–51. He taught and worked as a principal in Richmond public schools, and in 1959, he became headmaster of the boys' school that became Collegiate School. He retired as its president in 1987. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

1942 / Loie Walker Seacat, W. of Pittsburgh, Dec. 26, 2007.

1943 / James H. Barnett III, R. of Providence, R.I., Aug. 22, 2008. He served in the Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He practiced law in Providence, becoming a partner with Edwards and Angell. He served on the boards of several civic organizations including the Westport River Watershed Alliance and the Westport Land Conservation Trust.

1947 / Dorothy James Foster, W. of Virginia Beach, Oct. 11, 2008. As a pastor's wife, she taught Sunday school and women's Bible study at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church.

1947 / I. Leake Wornom Jr., B. of Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 12, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II. He co-founded a law firm, Patten and Wornom, in Newport News. He was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club and served in several civic organizations. He was a member of Hampton Baptist Church.

1948 / Roland B. Anderton Jr., R. of Atlanta, Sept. 19, 2008. He joined the musicians union at

age 12 and toured coast-to-coast in dance bands. During World War II, he served in the China-Burma-India Theater. He worked in the insurance business in many cities of the United States and Canada, ending up in Atlanta as regional vice president of Underwriters Adjusting Corp. He was a member of the American Arbitration Association, the Executives Arbitration Association of Atlanta, the Atlanta Better Business Bureau, and other professional associations. He also served as president of the Sherwood Forest Civic Association. He was a volunteer with the Georgia Radio Reading Service for the blind.

1948 / William R. Pully, R. of Richmond, Dec. 5, 2008. He was a civil engineer and tree farmer. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. He later joined Bethany Christian Church.

1949 / Allen M. Murphy, R. of Newberry, Va., Oct. 21, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II. He started his own fertilizer business, Bristol Ltd., and became one of the first agricultural chemical brokers in the United States.

1949 / Dr. Alton R. Sharpe Jr., R. of Richmond, Aug. 14, 2008. A pioneer in the field of nuclear medicine, he founded the Nuclear Medicine Lab at McGuire Veteran's Hospital and was instrumental in the founding of the Division of Nuclear Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, where he was a professor. He later opened a private practice to help patients with thyroid disorders. Sharpe served in the Navy Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant commander. He was a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. He was a member of St. James's Episcopal Church.

1949 / Dr. Charles G. Thedieck Jr., R. of Richmond, Oct. 27, 2008. He was a World War II veteran of the Air Force and Merchant Marines. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology. He was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church.

1950 / Dr. William J. Hargis Jr., R and G'51, of Gloucester Point, Va., Oct. 17, 2008. He was an emeritus professor of marine science at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). He was instrumental in the development of VIMS from its

predecessor, the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory, serving as the institute's director from its founding in 1959 until 1981. He wrote extensively on marine science and environmental subjects, publishing more than 130 research articles. His many honors included the 1971 Neptune Award from the American Oceanic Organization and the National Wildlife Federation Special Conservation Award. He was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church.

1950 / Suzanna Huff von der Schulenburg, of Klosters, Switzerland, and Fishers Island, N.Y., Aug. 19, 2008.

1951 / Helen Blackwelder Scott, of Richmond, Dec. 9, 2008. She taught dance classes and swimming at the Richmond YWCA for several years. She was one of the first women to qualify as an advanced pilot in the Richmond Power Squadron. She had been incapacitated for the past 30 years following a stroke.

1951 / Edwin F. Comunale, R. of Hilton Head, S.C., May 13, 2007. During the Korean War, he served in the Army, receiving the Bronze Star. He worked in insurance sales and financial planning and headed the Long Island Agency of Home Life Insurance Co.

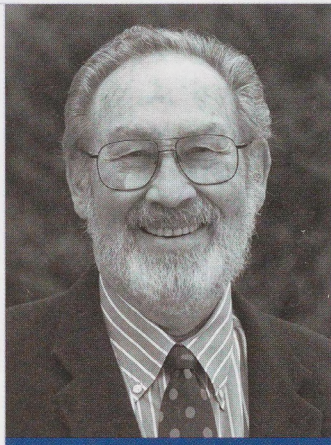
1951 / Joan Dalve Heizer, W. of Richmond and previously Rawlings, Va., Dec. 1, 2008. She worked as a secretary at Rochester Burton Co. and as a librarian at the McKenny Library. She was a member of Concord Presbyterian Church in Rawlings.

1951 / William M. Schools, R. of Richmond, Dec. 2, 2008. He served in the Navy during World War II and became a lifelong sailing enthusiast.

1952 / Arthur W. Allison, G. of Richmond, June 6, 2007.

1952 / Edward A. Zacharis, R and H'07, of Richmond, Dec. 9, 2008. He and his brother, Bill, founded Capital Oil Co. in 1963. They also ventured into real estate by building and purchasing apartments in the Richmond area. Edward enjoyed exercising at the downtown YMCA and fishing on the Chesapeake Bay.

1953 / Dr. Charles Lewis "Lew" Baird, R. of Richmond, Aug. 30, 2008. He pioneered outpatient cardiac catheterization and founded the Virginia Heart Institute, the first free-standing outpatient cardiac catheterization clinic in the United States. He was instrumental in starting the coronary inten-



Robert E. Shepherd Jr., professor of law emeritus and a leader in legal issues affecting children and families, died Dec. 11, 2008.

Shepherd's work was written into law in Virginia and around the country, and his influence extended to hundreds of students and families.

"His teaching, writing, and legislative advocacy have had a profound impact on the lives of children and youth throughout Virginia and the nation," says law school Dean John G. Douglass. "His broadest and deepest legacy will remain the hundreds of students whom he mentored throughout his teaching career and with whom he shared equal measures of his inquisitive spirit, his sense of fair play, and his deep human compassion for those most in need."

Shepherd joined the law school's faculty in 1978 and won the University's distinguished educator award in 1981 and 1986.

In 1999, he was the first person inducted into the Virginia Juvenile Court Hall of Fame, and in 2005, he received the American Bar Association's Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award.

sive-care unit at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals. He served in the Army for two years and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

1953 / Betty Jean Guthrie Edwards, W., of Richmond, June 24, 2008.

1953 / Harry C. Seibold Jr., R., of Richmond, April 17, 2008. He served in the Navy Reserves and was called to active duty in the early 1950s. He was a general contractor.

1954 / Mitchell H. Levy, B., of Richmond, Jan. 17, 2007.

1956 / Vincent J. Nitti Jr., R., of Titusville, Fla., Oct. 12, 2008. He flew B-52s for the Air Force during the Cuban missile crisis. He later worked in marketing and real estate and was a member of St. Teresa Catholic Church.

1957 / Joel C. McGurk, B., of Richmond, Aug. 25, 2008. He served in the Navy Reserve, retiring as a commander. He was a teacher and administrator at institutions of higher education, including the College of William and Mary and Virginia Commonwealth University.

1957 / Helen Melton Vandermark, W., of Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 8, 2008. She worked for Colonial Williamsburg and was an avid quilter. She was a member of Williamsburg United Methodist Church.

1958 / V. Newton Miller Jr., R., of Newport, N.C., Nov. 24, 2003.

1959 / K. James Crouch Jr., R., of Nags Head, N.C., previously of Virginia Beach, Dec. 24, 2006. He was a vice president of Signet Bank in Norfolk. He served as president of the Tidewater chapters of the American Institute of Banking and the Bank Administration Institute. He also volunteered with Junior Achievement.

1959 / Homer W. Marshall Jr., R and G'66, of Midlothian, Va., Sept. 18, 2008. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a senior vice president of investments in the Richmond office of UBS. He was a member of Powhatan Ruritan Club and American Legion Post No. 137. He served as a deacon at Bon Air Baptist Church.

1959 / Willard C. "Dick" Pulley, R., of Virginia Beach, Va., Oct. 16, 2008. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked with radio stations and organized a jazz society that promoted live performances in Virginia. He founded Sound Stages, a recording studio in Richmond.

1959 / Walter G. Saunders, B., of

Honey Brook, Pa., Jan. 16, 2008.

1960 / Harold J. Coates, R., of Palmyra, Va., Oct. 31, 2008. He was a member of Waldrop Baptist Church.

1960 / Thomas C. Whitaker, B., of Southern Shores, Va., July 29, 2008. He served in the Navy in the early 1950s. He ran the family business, Whitaker Oil Co., and founded Diverse Construction, both in Waynesboro, Va.

1961 / Anne M. Fitzgerald, G., of Richmond, Aug. 24, 2008. She taught in several Henrico County high schools. She was a member of numerous professional associations, including the Virginia and National Education Associations, the Henrico and Virginia Retired Teachers Associations, and the American Association of University Women. She was a member of Second Presbyterian Church.

1961 / Wyatt E. Roye Jr., R., of Tappahannock, Va., Oct. 2, 2008. He worked as a hospital administrator in several states, then as director of management services for the North Carolina Hospital Association in Raleigh, N.C. He was instrumental in founding Tappahannock Presbyterian Chapel.

1962 / Ryland O. Reamy Jr., R., of Midlothian, Va., Dec. 23, 2007. He retired from Verizon in 1991 and began a second career as an international telecommunications consultant for Price Waterhouse. He was active in refugee resettlement assistance and volunteered with Red Cross Disaster Relief.

1963 / Andrew G. Bachmann, R and G'65, of Newport News, Va., formerly of Litchfield, Conn., Sept. 15, 2008. He founded and chaired Dymax Corp., a global company that creates adhesive products used in manufacturing. He held more than 30 patents and was a member of Bruton Parish Church.

1964 / Daisy May Park Reames, G., of Petersburg, Va., Sept. 7, 2008. She was an administrator at Thomas Dale High School and active in professional organizations. She was an elder emeritus of Covenant Presbyterian Church, which she served in many roles.

1965 / Frances "Fran" Dix Mann, W., of Chester, Va., Aug. 31, 2005.

1973 / Slover R. Covey, C., of Lake Placid, Fla., March 14, 2004.

1973 / Clifford D. Crofford, GB., of Richmond, May 11, 2007. He spent 30 years in the Army, with combat service in Vietnam and deployments in many other countries.

He attained the rank of colonel before retiring as deputy commander of the Defense Supply Center Richmond.

1974 / Cathy E. Vass-Skoog, B., of Winston-Salem, N.C., Nov. 12, 2008. She was a certified financial planner, an active volunteer at Reynolda House, and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

1975 / Charlie H. Bond, C., of Richmond, Sept. 26, 2008. He was a longtime employee of Verizon and a member of Greenwood United Methodist Church.

FACULTY

Dr. James C. Goodwin Jr., of Richmond, died on Nov. 11, 2008. He joined the Robins School of Business in 1976 and retired in 2001 as professor of management emeritus.

"He was the best professor I ever had by far," said Joyce Major, GB'87, in a *Richmond Times-Dispatch* story. "He taught us to analyze a company's hard numbers and also the intangible, less obvious factors."

Another former student, John D. Gottwald, GB'84, said: "In graduate school, you have some good teachers, and maybe one great one. You know the great one because later you use their name as a password."

Dr. Gary C. Leedes, of Richmond, died on Nov. 4, 2008. He joined the School of Law in 1973 and retired in 1998 as professor of law emeritus.

STAFF

Mary Ann Pryor, of Richmond, died on Jan. 3, 2009. She joined the University in 1978 and retired in 1999 as a service associate in the Heilman Dining Center.

Barbara L. Weisenberger, of Richmond, died on Nov. 23, 2008. She joined the University in 1986 and retired in 2006 as operations assistant for the School of Continuing Studies.



VANTAGE POINT

REFLECTIONS OF A SPIDER FAN

By Phillip Gravely, '96

I wasn't yet a Spider when our football team beat Ohio University in the 1968 Tangerine Bowl. I've heard all about it, though, ever since I started rooting for Richmond more than 25 years ago. That team finished 8-3 and ranked No. 20 in the final Associated Press poll. That's a big deal for a small liberal arts school.

Though not yet a UR student, I had become a full-blown Spider fan by 1987-88, thanks to my mom joining the admission staff several years before and both older brothers attending the University. That was the year Mike Winiecki, B'89, Ken Atkinson, R'91, Peter Woolfolk, R'88, and company ran through Indiana and Georgia Tech on their way to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. Two years later, the basketball team dispatched Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Our basketball program was suddenly on the national map—another big deal for a small liberal arts school.

But the term “big deal” has just been redefined by Coach Mike London, R'83, and the 2008 football team. They raised the bar and made a nationally recognized academic institution—dare I say it?—a nationally recognized sports school, too.

That's the perception at least. In truth, our athletic programs have been strong for a long time. For three consecutive years after we joined the Atlantic 10 Conference, we won the Commissioner's Cup, an award recognizing the best overall athletics program in the conference. The A-10 doesn't award that prize anymore, but we would still be collecting hardware if it did.

Our student-athletes have represented us magnificently. The swim team has won seven consecutive conference championships, and the field hockey team is no stranger to the top 25. The baseball team has made strong runs at the College World Series. Jo White Menk, W'85, won the 1981 NCAA national championship in the 1,000-meter run. And let's not forget the women's tennis team that won the AIAW Division II national championship in 1982. The list goes on.

By the time I became a UR student in the fall of 1992, we were still basking in the afterglow of small-school basketball glory. Then it happened.

“What an incredible reputation—great academics and great athletics.”

Our football team cracked the top five during my college years. It was the first time in my experience that football grabbed the spotlight. Since then, the individual seasons have had their ups and downs, but the general trajectory has been boldly upward. And we've just seen the pinnacle.

We have grown accustomed to being mentioned among America's best academic institutions. That's an amazing thing, and one that I hope we never will take for granted. But to also be called national football champions, in prime time, on ESPN ... I

don't have the words.

I'm now in my fifth year as a staff member in the University's Office of Marketing Communications. Of all the things that have happened over those five years, one in particular stands out. We were in Philadelphia, conducting focus groups with prospective students and their parents. When the University of Richmond came up, one mother immediately said, “Oh, Richmond. That's where you go if you're a real scholar-athlete.”

Other participants readily agreed. The clear consensus in that room was Richmond is one of the places you go to be outstanding in the classroom and in sports. (The other one they mentioned, by the way, was Duke.)

What an incredible reputation—great academics *and* great athletics. That fired up every part of the Spider in me—the sweatshirt-clad alum and the marketing communications guy.

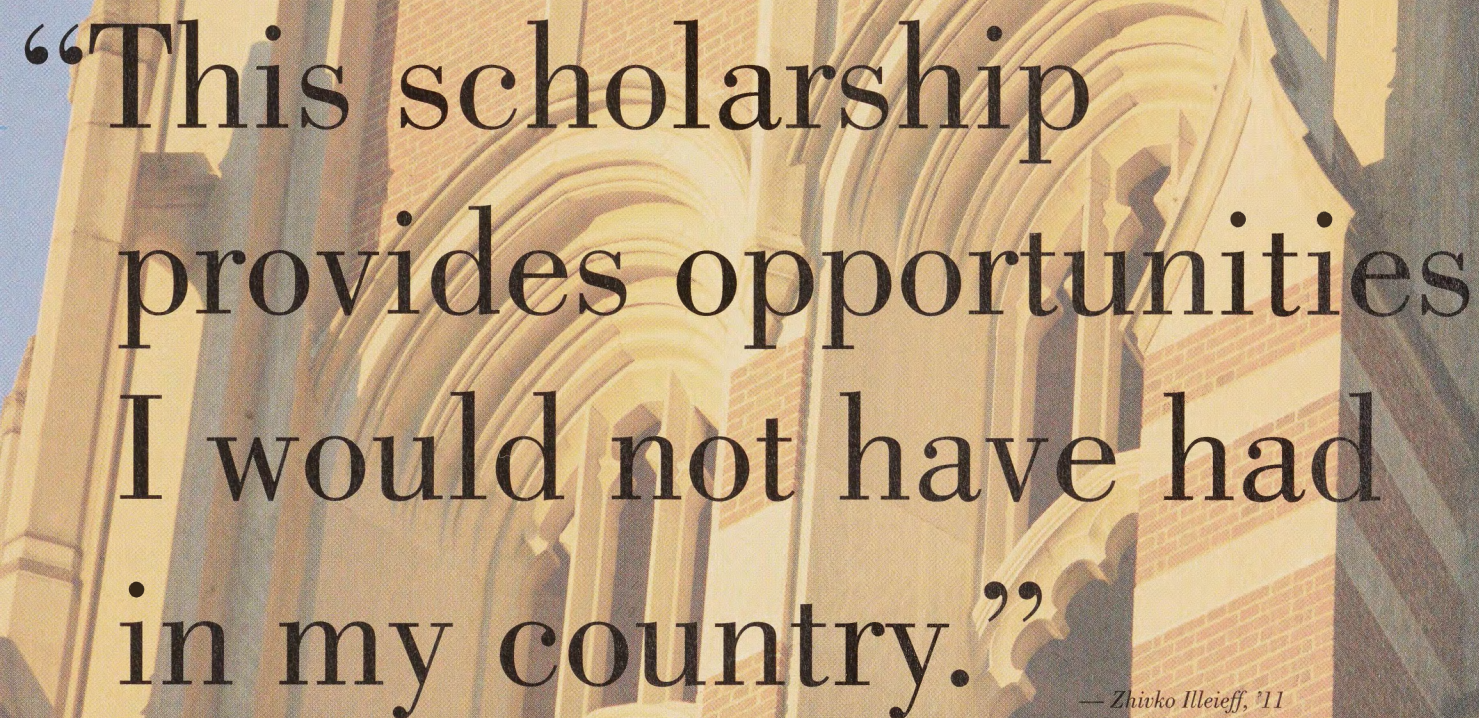
And that unforgettable December night in Chattanooga lifted our collective Spider spirit to new heights.

So while we revel in the greatest sports moment in UR history, we also must realize this is not just some anomaly. It is the crown jewel—so far—in an outstanding athletics program at an outstanding university.

To the 2008 football team: congratulations. To all of our student-athletes through all the years: thank you. To alumni like me: I hope to see you in the stands.

Division I National Football Champions. That's a big deal for a small liberal arts school.

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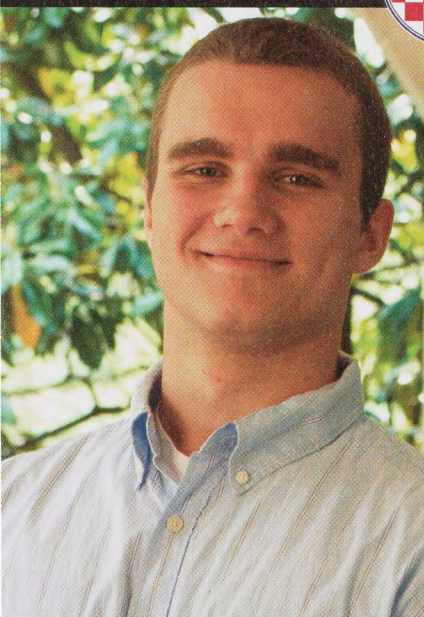


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— Zhivko Illeieff, '11
Scholarship recipient
from Bulgaria



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“It is hard for one to find the right words to say when one is given so much. Thank you for giving me so many opportunities. I am grateful to people like you who help people like me to achieve their goals.

I take it as a personal mission to represent you, your family and friends by being an outstanding student, helping others to achieve their goals, and striving for perfection in whatever I do. My actions at the University of Richmond will prove to you how appreciative I am for your generous help.”

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